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Soviets tell U.S. to keep off Poland

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Soviet Union denied Wednesday that it exerted any pressure on Poland's leaders to impose martial law, and warned the West to keep its hands off the Warsaw Pact country.

A seldom-used official "statement" released by the Soviet news agency Tass said American charges that the Soviet Union was involved in the decision to declare martial law last month were "an invention from beginning to end."

"The measures carried out by Poland's highest bodies are a Polish national decision, a matter for the Poles and for them alone. What can be more authoritative than the statement on this matter by the Polish leadership?" the statement said.

The unusually long Tass statement, which ran approximately 1,000 words, again accused the West of trying to destroy Poland's communist system and replace it with capitalism.

Tass warned the United States and its NATO allies to keep hands off Poland, and reminded the West that "Poland...was, and will be an unbreakable link of the Warsaw Treaty, a member of the socialist community. All those who encroach on the socialist Polish state should proceed from this (fact)."

The statement was apparently intended as response to the statement issued Monday in Brussels by the NATO foreign ministers. The foreign ministers denounced the imposition of martial law in Poland, and the European members of the alliance warned that they might join the United States in limited economic and political sanctions against Moscow.

The government-controlled Soviet press has repeatedly denounced the NATO communiqué as "crude interference" into Polish internal affairs — a charge repeated in the "statement."

Such Tass statements are released with the approval of the top Kremlin leadership.

Though the "statement" repeated many of the same charges that have been aired in the Soviet press during the past several days, the format indicated the seriousness with which the Soviet government views the possibility that Western Europe may join the United States in sanctions.

Washington was thought to have been pleasantly surprised — and Moscow may have been shocked — by the support that the United States won for its hard line against the Kremlin.

In a reference to the sanctions imposed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan late last month, Tass said the United States "is trying to hamper" the normalization in Poland and was "drawing its NATO allies into this adventurist policy."

Gold crashes to \$377.75

LONDON, Jan. 13 (R) — The price of gold fell sharply to \$377.75 an ounce in London and Zurich Wednesday, a drop of more than \$22 this week.

London bullion dealers said that the price dropped to this lowest level because of fairly heavy Swiss selling which reflected the market's belief that the decline will continue.

The price was almost \$11 down on Tuesday night's closing level in London of \$388.50 an ounce. The morning fixing price was \$387. Dealers believe one factor for the price fall is increased sales by the Soviet Union to finance its grain imports. There also have been indications in recent days that a study group set up by the U.S. government to examine the role of gold will oppose America's return to the Gold Standard, which would require the government to hold gold equal in value to the amount of dollars in circulation.

Gold reached a record high of \$850 in 1980. The lowest price in 1980 was \$474 and last year it was \$388.

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POLICE HELP — Newport police detective George LaPierre rushes Mrs. Andrea Burris away from her apartment in the Danbigh subdivision after she was allegedly shot in the neck by her husband late Tuesday afternoon. Police and special enforcement personnel waited two hours before entering the apartment where they found her husband with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to his head. He died later.

Expert laments American ignorance

'Islam will be world's top force in 40 years'

Al Khobar Bureau

AL KHOBAR, Jan. 13 — "Islam is going to be the most powerful social and political force in the world in the next 40 years," predicted Dr. James A. Bill, a professor of government and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas in Austin during a presentation here at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

Despite his prediction, Bill believes "Americans don't have the slightest idea what Islam is."

In his analysis of reasons for the failure of American foreign policy Dr. Bill observed that America, which has never been a colonial power in this area, has alienated Middle Eastern peoples in only 35 years. It took the British 150 years to earn such distrust.

One reason for this failure is American ignorance of the people, politics, and religion of the Middle East, an ignorance which "bubbles up to the highest reaches of government." An example of this is Reagan's remark when running for president "Alaska has more oil than Saudi Arabia."

Another reason for the failure of American foreign policy is that decision making is monopolized by the president and his national security advisors. The Arabists in the State Department are not listened to, claimed Bill. There is also misplaced emphasis on military aid to the extent that American foreign policy has been influenced by weapons sales. This was the case of Iran.

You cannot solve delicate social and political problems by drowning these societies in military might," said Dr. Bill.

As mother breaks down

Mitterrand orders search for Mark Thatcher

ALGIERS, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand called in French Navy planes to search the Sahara desert for Mark Thatcher Wednesday, while in London, the rally driver's mother, the British Prime Minister, broke down and wept.

Mark Thatcher, 28, along with French co-driver Miss Charlotte Verney, has been missing since Friday as they tackled the grueling sixth stage of the 6,200-mile Paris to Dakar car rally. At first, it was thought their car had broken down and would be found quickly, but fear for their safety has been growing as successive air searches of the inhospitable desert area around the Algerian-Mali border have drawn a blank.

Throughout the day, the search intensified. President Mitterrand, who had sent his "sympathy and offer of help" to Mrs. Thatcher authorized Defense Minister Charles Hernu to call in French military planes to aid the search for Mark Thatcher. Miss Verney and their white Peugeot-Dangel.

The French Navy later announced that an Atlantic Breguet plane had taken off from Dakar for the southern Algerian desert around Timiaouine, where Thatcher was last spotted by a fellow competitor. A second

Atlantic Breguet was being kept on standby at Libreville, Gabon.

In London, Mrs. Thatcher broke down and wept after answering questions on her son Mark. A strained-looking Mrs. Thatcher told journalists, "I am sorry there is no news. I am very concerned. My husband will arrive there this afternoon," she told reporters.

Once inside the hotel lobby, to address businessmen, the prime minister broke down and wept. Aides gathered around her and she leaned against one while trying to compose herself before moving unsteadily through a reception line of officials from the National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses.

Mrs. Thatcher left the luncheon looking pale but composed. Aides placed their arms around her and others pushed apart a cluster of photographers in the hotel lobby. She smiled as she was driven away seated alone in the back of a black limousine.

Her Parliamentary Press Secretary Ian Gow appealed to reporters: "It would be a kindness to a mother in this situation not to ask the prime minister any questions." Aides said that Mrs. Thatcher had recovered her composure at the luncheon. "She gave a 25-minute speech and then answered questions for 25 minutes and it was done in her usual manner," said a spokesman for her office. The businessmen gave Mrs. Thatcher a standing ovation at the end, the spokesman added.

"The situation is still that we haven't heard any news and the prime minister and Mr. Thatcher are very concerned," said a spokesman for Mrs. Thatcher's 10 Downing Street office. The spokesman, who did not

want to be identified, said the elder Thatcher will be on the scene and as near as possible to where his son is thought to be.

Husband Denis earlier flew in here from London and was heading south to the town of Tamanrasset to help in the search. Official sources in London said he was accompanied by the British ambassador in Algiers, Benjamin Strachan.

Rally organizer Thierry Sabine said in the Malian town of Gao, where the sixth stage finished, that he was continuing to look for Mark Thatcher, although he was relieved to hear that the French government was sending planes. Sabine recalled that when Thatcher's car broke a rear axle, he was accompanied by two other cars and one motorcycle.

One of the car drivers, Michel Bosi of Switzerland, said he had offered to take on the Thatcher team to the stage finish, but that they had turned him down, saying that they were in radio contact with a plane. A rally plane later covered the area where Thatcher was last seen, but there was no sign of him. The pilot questioned desert nomads and members of the Algerian police who are carrying out a census in the region. He said certain nomads "ported having seen a white car on the road" Tamanrasset.

Mark Thatcher, a bachelor, has had various jobs, including working in a jewelry business and promoting products, since leaving Britain's exclusive Harrow School in 1972. After local uprisings in 1980, he pulled out of deals to model for a Japanese clothing firm — when his mother was urging countrymen to buy British — and to promote a girlie magazine. His twin sister, Carol, is a journalist in Sydney, Australia.

Curfew baby boom hits Upper Volta

OUAGADOUGOU, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Upper Volta's birth rate soared by eight percent last year as a result of the curfew imposed following the November 1980 coup, according to the latest edition of the fortnightly government publication *Carrefour Africain*.

The paper defined curfew babies as those born in August, September and October 1981. The "baby explosion" was the result of curfew regulations which "forced the citizens

to stay at home" and created "occasions for extended contact between men and women."

Women had enjoyed the curfew more than men, particularly those with more than one wife, who had been forced to face the realities of married life, *Carrefour* said.

But the government's most satisfied customers were the owners of shops dealing in baby clothes and wedding dresses who had been doing a roaring trade, the paper said.

Adding to winter woes

National railway strike hits U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Britain's rail network ground to a halt Wednesday after 25,000 engineers launched a 48-hour national strike adding to the woes caused by the country's worst winter in more than 30 years.

The stoppage, the first national rail strike since 1955, began at midnight Tuesday, leaving millions of Britons to struggle to work on icy roads in freezing fog that blanketed snow-bound England from Essex County near London in the south to Yorkshire in the north.

The Automobile Association, one of Britain's main motoring organizations, reported "accidents everywhere," including pile-ups that blocked at least four major highways into the capital.

Two persons were killed in separate accidents on fog-bound British highways, police reported. That raised the toll of cold-related deaths to at least 19 since Friday by police count.

In London, the morning rush hour started two hours early around 6 a.m. as tens of thousands of commuters took to the roads. The Royal Automobile Club reported a staggering 500 miles (.800 kms) of traffic jams around the city by 8 a.m.

Police in the midlands cities of Manchester and Stockport reported jams of up to 10 miles (16 kms) long.

The chaos as the country's 7,000-mile (11,200-km) rail network halted was a taste of things to come. The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) warned that the walkout was only the first of a planned series of two-day strikes. The next is scheduled for Jan. 20-21.

The strike was over a pay and productivity

dispute between ASLEF and state-run British Rail (BR). ASLEF leaders said that its members will stop working on Sundays, observe an overtime ban and wage a go-slow campaign when they go back to work Friday.

BR Chairman Sir Peter Parker threatened to suspend the striking drivers without pay, risking all-out conflict with the railmen that could close the national network in an indefinite walkout.

The bitter arctic weather continued around northern Europe. Temperatures were reported as low as minus 26 C (14.8 F) in West Germany, also hit by fog and ice.

While Britain's railroad came to a halt, people toiled to dig their way out of the snow and ice. In Wales, virtually cut off from the rest of Britain since last weekend's fierce blizzards, only a handful of major roads have been reopened.

Royal Air Force and civilian helicopters dropped food to remote communities and fodder to stranded sheep and cattle.

Police stepped up patrols in Wales as looters moved in to strip hundreds of stranded trucks and cars abandoned in the snowbound roads. Others were reported breaking into shops.

Police said other racketeers were cashing in on the big freeze — selling bread, vegetables and soup to people in isolated areas with huge markups.

In the U.S. arctic weather gripping the country since Saturday has now claimed 130 lives and on Tuesday spread south from Texas to Florida.

In Florida citrus fruit growers tried to save their crops by lighting fires in the groves or spraying the trees with water, in the hope that a covering of ice would protect them.

With state funds

3 top Afghan officials defect

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AP) — Three prominent officials of Afghanistan's Soviet-sponsored government defected in West European countries last month with substantial sums of government money to tide them over in their new capitalist surroundings, a Western diplomatic source reported here Wednesday.

The diplomat, who declined to be identified by name or nationality, said the defectors included the brother of the Afghan secret police chief and that he left with at least \$140,000 in public funds. The diplomat said he did not know the names of the reported defectors but an Afghan exile source in India provided two names and partial confirmation.

Sidiq Ullah, brother of the secret police chief, Dr. Najib Ullah, defected in West Germany, where he had gone on a purchasing mission, the Afghan informant said. A former director of Afghan government films went to West Germany last month to purchase equipment, the diplomat said. Instead of returning, the unidentified official wrote to his superiors a letter thanking them for their "contribution" to his future, the report added.

The head of Kabul's medical supply depot was said to have defected in the West with \$80,000 intended for the purchase of medicine. His name was given by the Afghan source as Ghazanfar, but the European country was not identified.

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As security deposits

Car owners to pay SR5,000

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — Interior Minister Prince Naif has approved a plan under which every car owner will have to deposit SR5,000 when registering the vehicle with the traffic department, according to officials Wednesday.

The new plan is expected to effectively limit the increasing number of cars in the country and contribute to easing traffic congestion. The deposit will be paid once, but proof of payment will have to be shown upon renewal.

The plan's final details are being discussed in Riyadh, and will be implemented when all

aspects are studied. The date of implementation depends on the Traffic Directorate General's introduction of a special department for "security deposits" and appointment of personnel to run and supervise it.

Traffic departments across the Kingdom will begin meetings Saturday to draw up details on the application of the proposed security deposit plan, the officials said.

Maj. Ali Ahmad Al-Bar, assistant director general of Jeddah traffic, told *Arab News* that the deposit will cover all types of cars. New cars will not be given number plates unless they pay the deposit. Sales of used cars between two individuals also will be governed by the new ruling since a buyer cannot renew the

car registration or cannot have new number plates until he proves that the "deposit" has been paid.

In case of an accident that renders a particular car unusable, the owner will be refunded when he turns in the number plates and the receipt upon which he had paid the insurance, Bar said. As for renewing car registration, "That will not be fulfilled unless the deposit is paid regardless of the value of the car when the renewal is made," he added.

Bar said the plan is intended to limit the increasing number of cars in the Kingdom. The plan has two main objectives: first, to reduce the amount of cars bought jointly by several expatriates, who have a limited income and purchase battered cars — which spoils the country's beauty and adds to traffic congestion.

Second, the new plan will stop the sale of cars in which ownership deeds pile up without being renewed. Bar said traffic checks will continue to oversee the implementation of the deposit plan.

But in the case of Saudi Arabian nationals, the plan is expected to ease congestion, since many families own more than one car and some members of these families are not qualified to drive.

"Therefore, we find that this plan will limit the increasing purchase of cars by all citizens," Bar said. It also will make a person seriously consider his actions before buying a car or using it in regard to ownership and proper driving license, he added.

However, he said, exceptions will be made for elderly people and those who have drivers. Such drivers should have valid driving licenses for the Kingdom, Bar added. Each car put for sale should be mechanically sound and should be in good shape body-wise, he added.

Gulf university contract signed

MANAMA, Jan. 13 (SPA) — An agreement was signed here Wednesday for the construction of the first phase of the Arabian Gulf University at a cost of 16.8 million Bahraini Dinars. The project, to be completed within 25 months, will occupy 34,000 sq. meters of land.

The first phase will include the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences, with all necessary laboratories, equipment, library, audio-visual centers, central workshops and computer system.

In a separate development, the Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Sciences and the Arabian Gulf Education Bureau have agreed to exchange representation to be able to take part in general conferences and executive as well as consultative councils held by the two sides.

Iranian designs will be crushed, Ahmad declares

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — The Iranian conspiracy to spread subversion in the Gulf states had been anticipated through a careful reading of the declarations of the Iranian leaders and their attacks on the Arab states in the region and they will be crushed immediately, according to Prince Ahmad, deputy minister of interior, Wednesday.

Speaking to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper, Prince Ahmad said the result of such studies of declarations and campaigns by Radio Tehran was a conviction that Iran had the intention to subvert the region and create a state of chaos and turmoil and problems. "They wanted to form subversive cells instead of bonds of friendship and fraternity," he said.

"The Iranian leadership has been afflicted with a disease of subversion and the urge to export trouble. The problem is that a sick fellow who cannot treat himself will be unable to treat the others," he said.

"We could not conceive of the possibility that the Iranians will reach the stage of planning to bring down the governments of their sisterly states in the region. But we can assure everyone that any subversion in the Gulf will be uncovered and nipped in the bud. The Iranian infection will be combated," he said.

For Arab games

Kingdom offers to host rally

TUNIS, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare and leader of Kingdom's delegation to the fifth session of the Council of Arab ministers of youth and sports Tuesday renewed its offer to hold the sixth Arab Youth Rally in the Kingdom in 1983.

He expressed his confidence that the festival will provide an opportunity for Arab youth to visit Saudi Arabia and the sacred places in the country and also to get to know the Kingdom's progress in many fields. The prince said he was satisfied with the council's resolve to ask Saudi Arabia to organize a limited course to prepare the necessary cadres to explain the art of an Arab trilateral game which the Kingdom intends to organize as a maiden championship in 1983.

At the close of the session, Prince Faisal said that it was successful, as it ended with the adoption of several resolutions on ministerial cooperation in the field of youth activity. He said the council resolved that the Arab Fund for Youth Activity should begin its operation with a two-year plan, allowing five percent from its capital as aid and 10 percent as loan to the north African Arab states, in order to enable it to organize the major Arab championship games at the appointed time this year.

The prince announced the council's acceptance of Jordan's inability to host the ninth Arab school championship games, for reasons of drought and its situation on the

confrontation line with the Israeli enemy. The council agreed to Bahrain's offer to host the championship, he said.

Prince Faisal the Moroccan youth minister and the leader of the Palestinian delegation were authorized to discuss matters connected with holding of the first-ever Palestinian Cup Championship for youngsters in Morocco this year.

Meanwhile, the council resolved to give £180,000 as annual assistance to the Palestinian Council. The amount is to be paid from the Arab fund for youth activities.

Hotel seminar urges freedom to fix own rates

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — A hotels seminar, held here recently, stressed that hotels be given the freedom to fix their tariffs according to the convenience of each hotel but without exceeding the limit set for their classes.

The seminar urged that young men be sent abroad to train in hotelery. It called for a conference grouping hoteliers, the Finance and National Economy Ministry and the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) to study the subjects of government and commercial bank loans and extend the period of payment for loan instalments.

Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, who opened the seminar, said its aim was to exchange views on possible ways of promoting the hotel industry in the Kingdom and discuss the problems in this direction. He reviewed the conditions of hotels since 1975, and said that his ministry's department of hotels provides guidance to investors as to the appropriate site and the class of hotel. This process has reinforced cooperation and created a kind of poise in the hotel industry, he added.

Afterwards, Abdul Aziz Al-Jasser, director general of hotels department, reviewed the condition of hotels and their progress during the past five years. He emphasized the need for providing opportunities to the local manpower and encouraging them to join this industry.

Austrian group leaves

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — The Austrian Peoples Party delegation left here Wednesday after a few days visit to the Kingdom to study its progress and development and talk with senior officials.

The delegation met with Crown Prince Fahd and Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League and other officials. They were seen off by a representative of the Royal Protocol, the Austrian ambassador and other officials.

Mosque councils set up in Far East

MAKKAH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Councils for mosques have been opened in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, according to Sheikh Ali Mukhtar, assistant secretary general of the World Higher Council for Mosques, Tuesday.

He said the councils were opened during his month-long visit to those states, adding that similar councils are to be opened shortly in Brunei and Malaysia. During the visit, Mukhtar inspected a number of mosque sites to get to know their conditions to discuss their needs and to follow-up the construction of those mosques which were previously aided by the Muslim World League, he added.

Australians visit Yanbu's projects

YANBU, Jan. 13 (SPA) — The Australian parliamentary delegation, led by Health Minister Michael Mackellar, arrived here from Riyadh Wednesday in the context of its current visit to the Kingdom.

The delegation was met at the airport by Dr. Youssuf Ibrahim Al-Turki, director general of Yanbu project, and several other officials of the Royal Commission for Yanbu.

The delegation visited the commission's headquarters and was briefed on its projects and achievements. It expressed its admiration for the industrial boom and said that this

industrial resurgence has been the result of the efforts of responsible personnel and of the wise policy of the government.

Earlier Tuesday, Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad held talks in Riyadh with the Australian minister and the delegation. The meeting focussed on the means of promoting Saudi-Australian cooperation in all fields.

Meanwhile, the Australian health minister held a dinner party in Riyadh Tuesday, in honor of Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

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Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Bursaidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:36	5:43	5:14	5:04	5:29	6:02
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:31	12:02	11:49	12:13	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:37	3:33	3:04	3:48	3:13	3:39
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:00	5:55	5:26	5:09	5:34	5:59
Isha (Night)	7:30	7:25	6:56	6:39	7:04	7:29

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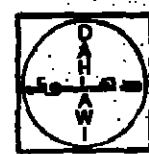
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Haig declares

Mubarak committed to autonomy talks

CAIRO, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Wednesday he has got "a firm and clear commitment" from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to proceed with negotiations for Palestinian autonomy. Haig said following a meeting with Mubarak at Uruba Palace that they agreed "to intensify our efforts in the period ahead to achieve progress on autonomy."

Haig also said Washington was setting no deadlines for an Egyptian-Israeli agreement on Palestinian autonomy. "There has never been a deadline and we do not visualize deadlines," he said. "What we do seek is a reasonable outcome."

He said they hope there can be "a broadening of the peace process with a view toward a lasting and just peace in the region."

But Haig did not indicate whether specific progress had been achieved. The U.S. secretary of state arrived here Tuesday to determine whether some autonomy agreement between Israel and Egypt is possible before the scheduled Israeli withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai on April 25.

However, it was learned Haig and Mubarak will hold a second and unscheduled meeting Thursday morning.

Some U.S. officials are pessimistic that any progress can be achieved, although Haig is

described as determined to get the talks moving again if at all possible. He will go on to Israel on Thursday to discuss the Palestinian talks with Israeli officials.

One comment by Haig to reporters outside Uruba Palace indicated he hasn't yet found a solution that would point the way to progress. He said he will continue talks "to attempt again to achieve a greater momentum with the result of a breakthrough in the period ahead."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who met separately with Haig and who also attended the Haig-Mubarak meeting, told reporters that Haig's trip here demonstrates a high-level U.S. interest in the talks which itself may be helpful.

"Hopefully, Haig's role in the negotiations now will push forward the peace process for the sake of stability of the area," Ali said. Ali said Egypt had also suggested that the Palestinians and other states be encouraged to participate in the peace process, according to the official Middle East News Agency.

But Mubarak, who spoke to reporters as he left Uruba Palace some hours after this meeting with Haig, said the autonomy negotiations would not be expanded to include others until "the announcement of the principles related to autonomy," the agency said. Haig also met with Prime Minister Fuad Moeideen.

Mubarak reinstates 56 in their jobs

CAIRO, Jan. 13 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak has ordered the reinstatement in their previous jobs of 56 university professors and journalists who were removed from their posts last September in the late President Anwar Sadat's moves to clamp down on his religious and political opponents whom he accused of fomenting sectarian tension, the three Cairo dailies reported Wednesday.

Some 1,536 people were arrested in the September crackdown, and several profes-

sors and journalists were transferred from sensitive positions in the universities, leading Cairo newspapers and the Egyptian broadcasting authority to less important posts where they would be under close government supervision.

Earlier this month 59 professors and journalists were reinstated in their jobs. Egypt's Socialist prosecutor general has also ordered the release of 245 persons detained in September.

Protests spread to Sudan cities

KHARTOUM, Jan. 13 (AP) — The anti-government protests that began in Khartoum last week spread to several provincial cities and towns. Sudanese officials and Western diplomats have said.

The government-controlled press ignored the protests of the past two days, reporting only on the closure for an indefinite period Tuesday of Gezira University, 180 kms south of here at Wad Madani, and of public schools at Port Sudan on the Red Sea Monday. The official reports gave no reasons for the closures.

But the officials and diplomats, who asked not to be identified by name reported protests in the past three days in the southern cities of Juba and Wau, the eastern city on Port Sudan, the northern cities of Merawi and Atbara and the central cities of Wad Madani, Kosti, Rufaa, El-Managil and El-Huda. They said the demonstrations had been contained. The government-controlled daily *Al-Ayam* reported protests in Atbara, Kosti, Wad Madani and Rufaa last Sunday in announcing the closing of central and northern region public schools.

The diplomats and officials said the street demonstrations were mainly against the economic austerity program of President Jaafar Numeiri that began last November with a devaluation of the Sudanese pound and brought a 62.5 percent increase in sugar prices Jan. 1.

The sugar price hike sparked four days of demonstrations in Khartoum Jan. 3-7 and two smaller protests that resulted in the closing of Khartoum's four main universities and all public schools. The sources said the southern protests also were against government plans for a referendum on dividing the southern region into three provinces.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Former Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit, currently serving a four-month jail term, will be released Feb. 1. EEC sources said here following a meeting between Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen and Gaston Thorn, president of the European Commission.

LONDON, (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt is to visit London early next month for talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Office said Wednesday.

GUATEMALA CITY, (AFP) — The embassies of Haiti, Israel and Argentina were slightly damaged in overnight bomb attacks, police here said. Assaults threw firebombs at the embassies from a car, the police said, adding that the attacks were not immediately claimed by any group.

Algerian diplomat found slain in Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 13 (AP) — A high-ranking Algerian diplomat was found murdered in a suburban neighborhood in Beirut Wednesday only five hours after unknown gunmen kidnapped him from his house in the Lebanese capital, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in conformity with government regulations, identified the diplomat as Rabeul Jerwa, 37, minister plenipotentiary at the Algerian Embassy, the second ranking diplomat after Ambassador Mustafa Hishmawi.

An undetermined number of gunmen broke into Jerwa's apartment at the Beir el Abd residential neighborhood of west Beirut shortly after midnight and forced him at gunpoint to leave with them in a waiting car to an unknown destination, the spokesman said.

Jerwa's body was found in the morning at the suburban neighborhood of Haret-Hreik on the southern edge of Beirut and was taken to the American University Hospital where coroner Dr. Ahmad Haraty conducted an autopsy, the spokesman said.

Haraty's report said Jerwa was shot at point blank range three times in the face with "dum dum" explosive bullets. One bullet penetrated the head near his right eyebrow, another the right cheek and the third through the left side of the mouth. The bullets shattered the skull according to the report which was made public by the police spokesman.

Neither police nor the government were able to provide a motive for the kidnapping murder or a clue to the identity of the culprits. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros said, "This crime is part of a campaign to force the evacuation of diplomats" from Lebanon and called on Syrian forces policing the 1975-76 civil war armistice to guard diplomats at their homes and missions.

The Lebanese government recently expressed its "shock" to discover that there were only 15 ambassadors left in Lebanon when it issued invitations to a yearly reception at the presidential palace. A report published in Beirut newspapers said 45 embassies in Lebanon were represented on by charges d'affaires.

There were 39 attacks on Arab and foreign embassies and diplomats in 1981, according to a Lebanese security report released earlier.

Qaddafi said injured in attempt on his life

KHARTOUM, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi was injured in an attempt on his life a month ago, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) reported from Rome Wednesday.

SUNA claimed that the assassination attempt preceded a fortnight, failed coup, which the agency reported last weekend and which was officially denied by Tripoli. The report, quoting "reliable sources" in Rome, said the Libyan leader was injured in the jaw in the assassination attempt. Armed Forces Commander Gen. Abu Bakr Younes was also hurt, and Qaddafi's driver killed, it claimed.

this month. French Ambassador Louis Delamare was shot and killed by unidentified assassins on Sept. 4 and Iraqi Ambassador

Abdul Razzak Laftah died in the Iraqi Embassy blast of Dec. 15 which claimed a total of 61 lives.



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Upset by news leaks

Reagan curbs access to officials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has announced a series of moves aimed at stemming the "hemorrhage" of leaks of confidential information by his administration to the press which he said was endangering U.S. foreign policy and security.

He ordered Tuesday measures taken to limit media access to government officials concerned with the two issues and said that each future leak would be followed by a systematic inquiry and eventual action against any official found guilty of it.

"In many such cases, the publication of such information rules out a foreign policy option or jeopardizes an ongoing policy," Reagan's new national security adviser William Clark said in a statement issued along with the president's announcement.

White House officials said Reagan had become increasingly disturbed by the amount of published information on confidential foreign policy briefs, some of which he had not yet seen himself.

The latest leak to upset the president, a top White House official said, came last week when several newspapers revealed that

Reagan had decided not to sell updated U.S. fighter planes to the Republic of China and had sent Assistant Secretary of State John Holdridge to Peking to explain the decision in Peking.

That leak, the official said, "did not help us in our relations with China." Earlier press leaks that upset the administration were the decisions to cancel the embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union, imposed by the Carter administration after the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan, and to offer Moscow "the zero option" in U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe.

The White House regarded publication of such information as premature, officials said. But both Reagan and Clark were careful not to attack the press itself for publishing the leaks. "The press is doing its job — collecting information — better than the government has been doing its job — protecting national security information," Clark said.

Chinese favor nuclear power

PEKING, Jan. 13 (R) — China, which exploded its first atomic bomb in 1964 but has no commercial nuclear reactors, must build nuclear power stations, according to a government-sponsored survey on the nation's energy needs.

The study, prepared by 400 experts over three years, said China's modernization would depend mainly on conventional energy sources, a report by the New China News Agency said Wednesday. But it added: "It is imperative that the country build nuclear power stations in areas short of energy supplies." Nuclear power was suited to China's

conditions, it said without giving any details.

Several recent articles in the Chinese press have spoken in favor of nuclear power, although Vice Premier Gu Mu said last month that no final decision had been made.

China has at least two nuclear reactors used for research but coal is the country's main source of energy, accounting for 70 percent of consumption. Production of both coal and oil has been stagnant in the last two years, and a Shanghai newspaper said recently China would face a serious energy gap by the year 2000.

BRIEFS

CANBERRA (R) — High Court Judge Sir Ninian Stephen will become Australia's next governor-general in July, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said Wednesday. The British-born judge, 58, will succeed Sir Zel-

man Cowen, governor-general since succeeding Sir John Kerr in 1977. This quashed widespread speculation that Prince Charles, heir to the British throne would take up the post as Queen Elizabeth's representative in Australia.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist forces hurled bombs at a train in northwestern Santa Ana province and fought sporadic gun battles with government troops in Usulután, southeast of here, army sources said. Judicial authorities said 26 bullet-ridden bodies were found on the outskirts of the capital at dawn Tuesday.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two jail officials, including the superintendent were fired Tuesday after 22 separatist guerrillas escaped through a 32-meter tunnel under the wall of the jail at Imphal, capital of the troubled northeastern Indian state of Manipur, the United News of India reported. The escapees were described as "hardcore" members of the "Peoples Liberation Army," a group pressing for independence from India, and other "revolutionary" organizations.

EASTBOURNE, England (AP) — British Maj. Gen. Sir Kenneth Strong, who was chief intelligence officer to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower during World War II, has died at his Eastbourne home at the age of 81, his family announced Wednesday. Strong, who retired in 1966, died Monday of bronchial failure after a long illness, said his stepson, Ernst Hordge.

Ghazali reads own obituary

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 13 (AP) — Malaysian Foreign Minister Ghazali Shafie, who survived a plane crash which killed two others, was shown Indonesian newspaper articles Tuesday night reporting he was dead. Ghazali told an Indonesian government delegation which visited him at a hospital here that it felt strange "to read my obituary while I am still alive."

The pilot and Ghazali's police aide were killed Sunday in the Cessna 206 crash. Ghazali was found alive with minor injuries Monday afternoon, more than 26 hours after the plane crashed in misty weather about 40 kms northeast of here.

Some Malaysian newspapers and foreign news agencies had reported Ghazali dead. Ghazali, 60, who said he kicked open the door and jumped out as the plane crashed, told reporters who visited him Tuesday that he had moved away from the crash site from fear of leftist guerrillas. "The danger in my mind was the Communists and not the wild animals," he said.

Police had earlier reported that some of the 2,300 guerrillas belonging to the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) were operating in the thick tropical jungle where the plane crashed. However, no guerrillas were encountered during the search and rescue operation, or by Ghazali, who was found near the site of the crash. Doctors at the hospital said Ghazali had only minor surface scratches.

Two main candidates seek W. Europe parliament post

BRUSSELS, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Two main candidates, from West Germany and the Netherlands, have emerged in the run-up to the election of a new president of the West European Parliament by deputies in Strasbourg next Tuesday.

The candidates, to take over from France's Mrs. Simone Veil, who sits with the Liberal and Democratic group, are West German Christian Democrat Egon Klepsch, 51, and Netherlands Socialist Piet Dankert, 48. Klepsch can officially count not only on his own Christian Democrat group but also on the Liberal Democrats, the French Gaullists and moderate Greek deputies, for a total 178 out of 434 votes.

However the vote is secret, and some observers believe some of his own group may not vote for him because of what they see as his reputation for maneuvering. Klepsch was selected by the Christian Democrats by only eight votes. It was also not clear to what extent deputies of other groups will follow official guidance.

Klepsch's main rival, Dankert, won the Socialist nomination with a 62-vote majority. In this first round of voting for parliamentary president the Dutchman can rely on some 120 votes, and in the following round some 30 Italian Communist and extreme left deputies can be expected to rally to the Socialist camp.

Pardonably, he is also expected to draw the support of several British Conservatives, fiercely opposed to Klepsch and, according to Britain's *Economist* magazine, cool toward their own official candidate Sir James Scott

Hopkins. Mrs. Veil, 54, could enter the battle if no candidate makes it through the first round. But the two main candidates have quietly pointed to some feeling in the assembly that while the incumbent president may be good at showpiece promotion trips her organizing of parliamentary work leaves something to be desired.

In any case in the first rounds Mrs. Veil is committed to supporting her group's official candidate, Klepsch.

Meanwhile, French and Italian Communists are currently attempting to agree on a "symbolic" candidate for the first round, while other groups are bargaining with each other over support in final rounds or on the appointment of the new president's deputies.

Blast hits Swiss plant

NYON, Switzerland, Jan. 13 (R) — A bomb exploded in a match factory here Wednesday and a man describing himself as a member of an Armenian activist group telephoned a Geneva news agency office to claim responsibility.

Police said the bomb went off shortly after 1 a.m., badly damaging the factory at Nyon, north of Geneva. It started a fire but the blaze did not reach stocks of matches and no one was injured. The telephone caller said the blast was the last warning before extreme measures would be taken to secure the release of a young man of Armenian origin and jailed in Geneva last month for the murder of a Turkish consular employee.

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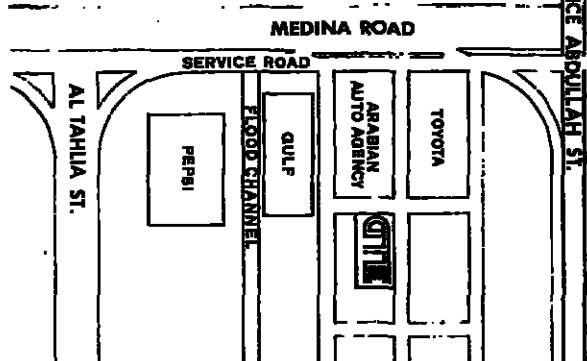
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Retaliation plea in U.S.

Trade talks to cover Japan's import curb

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (R) — Frustration over what the United States sees as unfair competition from Japan and western Europe and growing pressure for protectionist measures will overshadow talks between the leading non-Communist industrial nations in Florida this week.

The informal talks between the United States, Japan, Canada and the European Economic Community (EEC) in Key-Biscayne Friday and Saturday offer them a chance to reaffirm their commitment to free trade, according to their spokesmen. But all said that no agreements or new policy initiatives were expected.

Charges of unfair trade practices leveled this week by major U.S. steel firms against seven EEC countries will hang over the talks, as will moves by Congress to curb imports from nations that close their markets to American goods. The Congressional moves particularly worry Japan, which might have a \$20 billion trade surplus with the United States this year.

Shintaro Ate, Japan's international trade minister, who will be in Key Biscayne, told U.S. senators in Tokyo Wednesday that a U.S. curb on imports might hamper balanced growth of free trade and lead to world-wide protectionism, ministry officials said. EEC Industrial Affairs Commissioner Etienne Davignon said in Brussels the steel dispute demonstrated that "protectionism is no

longer a risk, it is a probability". He added: "If we do not come together to fight that problem, we will all be worse off."

The Reagan administration has so far opposed all legislative efforts to limit imports or restrict foreign investment in the United States. But it is reviewing its policy. U.S. trade representative Bill Brock told Reuters: "It is possible we would consider steps to demonstrate to our trading partners that it is in their interest to open up their markets to us make it more difficult for them."

He insisted that Washington was still committed to expanding trade opportunities but said the administration might support Congressional steps "to increase our leverage."

Another senior administration official said "there is an inextinguishable movement toward a much simpler concept of trade — you open up for me and I will open up for you."

A Congressional proposal that would lead government to ban imports of Japanese telecommunications equipment unless Tokyo opened its market wider to U.S. companies is making America's trading partners uneasy. It indicated "a very narrow and self-defeating" approach, a spokesman for one Western country said.

Canada and the EEC make the same complaints against Japan. "Whatever you have read about U.S. concerns with Japan you can repeat word for word for the community, one EEC official said.

By World Bank president

North-South approach called unreal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (R) — World Bank President Alden W. Clausen believes that the traditional view of the global economy, in which industrial countries are on one side and developing nations on the other, is outdated and simplistic.

Clausen said in Tokyo, in a speech made available at a briefing for reporters by bank officials Tuesday that the so-called North-South approach to economic matters is no longer very useful. "It has become so static and so vastly oversimplified, and often so contentious and confrontational in its rhetoric, that it tends to obscure reality rather

than illuminate it," he said. Clausen said the nature of the world's economy had changed dramatically in the past decade because of a huge jump in trade, increases in the demand for capital and a mobile workforce that moved from country to country in search of jobs. Bank officials told reporters that they expected these trends to continue in the years ahead.

The speech was characterized by the bank officials as one of the most important Clausen has given since he assumed the top bank post six months ago. Previously, he was chief executive officer of the Bank of America.

Kenya refutes charges on coffee

NAIROBI, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Kenya's Agriculture Minister Kabeere M'Mbijewe has strongly refuted allegations that Kenyan coffee was dangerous to drink.

Reports in the Swedish press that coffee plantations here used banned fungicides and up to 10 times the permitted amount of pesticides were "completely without any truth," M'Mbijewe said Tuesday. He accused the Swedish newspaper of "complete safety of Kenya coffee" and said the allegations were "a campaign of lies because the Kenyan authorities had

not bought a new range of insecticides. "The high quality Kenya coffee which enters the international market is washed coffee and considerable efforts are made during the processing and preparation stages to ensure that it meets the highest international standards," the minister said. Swedish consumers and "western Europe as a whole can be assured of the complete safety of Kenya coffee appearing on their supermarket shelves," he added.

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Diamond sales slump

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 13 (R) — World wide diamond sales by the Central Selling Organization (CSO) controlled by mining giants De Beers slumped by almost 50 percent last year, according to figures released Wednesday.

Analysts said the slump in demand for diamonds was a symptom of the depressed economic conditions in the developed countries. They said diamonds also faced severe competition from other forms of investment, particularly in the United States, where interest rates offer high returns.

Researchers claim breakthrough

Brown coal said yielding oil

SYDNEY, Jan. 13 (AP) — A Monash University research team believes it is close to making a breakthrough in converting brown coal to oil, a research funding announcement disclosed Tuesday.

The British Petroleum Company Ltd. announced it would collaborate with the university on the conversion research and provide funding totalling 415,000 Australian dollars during the next three years. Prof. Roy Jackson and Dr. Frank Larkins of the university's chemistry department said conversion research in progress since the 1930's has developed only uneconomical methods of converting brown coal in oil. However, they said they had cause to be optimistic about the work of the research team.

Boeing-757 to fly in February

SEATTLE, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Boeing was Wednesday announcing a new airliner, the B-757, carrying up to 200 passengers on short and medium haul flights, and with the first flight planned for next month.

It is the second of a new generation of low fuel consumption twin-jet Boeing planes, the first being the B-767 wide-bodied medium-long haul aircraft, taking up to 290 passengers, which emerged from the production lines last August. Low fuel consumption is in fact a key feature of the new plane. Boeing says that, on a per-passenger basis, it provides fuel saving of 47 percent as against the early B-727's, DC-9's and BAC-111's it is intended to replace.

A total of 173 firm orders have been received from 17 companies for the new airliner which costs just over \$32 million, and 138 options have been placed. This compares with 136 firm orders in the case of the B-767. The first of the B-757 airliners will go to

The CSO said Wednesday its sales, which account for almost 75 percent of the world diamond market, fell to \$1.47 billion last year from \$2.72 billion in 1980. Analysts said De Beers was forced to stockpile diamonds at its mines in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia (South West Africa) to prevent a further fall in prices.

An increase in sales by the Soviet Union last year to bring in much-needed foreign exchange for food and equipment purchases from the West had only a marginal impact on an already weak market, the analysts said.

According to the team's new method, it cost no more to produce a barrel of oil from brown coal than to produce conventional oil, Jackson said. The new approach to the problem, he said, involves using a synthesis gas made from carbon monoxide and hydrogen, instead of more expensive pure hydrogen used in other methods.

The use of synthesis gas also would enable the team to by-pass the costly stage of having to drain the water from low grade brown coal. The team's method also would use new catalysts expected to reduce greatly the high pressures that made previous methods costly. Jackson said a final evaluation of the approach would be made in three years.

British Airways and Eastern Airlines next December.

Boeing says it hopes to acquire 55 or 60 percent of the international market for short and medium haul airlines over the coming decade, despite keen competition from other makes, including the European Airbus.

The first of the B-757's will have 37,400-thrust low fuel engines specially designed by Rolls Royce. But later, the plane may be fitted with new Pratt and Whitney engines of comparable thrust currently going through the certification procedure.

The new plane has relatively short wings embodying a large number of components in synthetic resin graphite, which makes them lighter and stronger than those in aluminum and steel. Fuel consumption is computer-optimized. The airliner has a range of about 4,600 kms.

Asian nations expect growth spurt

HONG KONG, Jan. 13 (R) — Most Asian countries are confidently expecting another growth spurt this year, with increases in output that will be envied by recession-hit nations of the northern hemisphere.

Official and private forecasts surveyed by Reuters suggest an average growth rate in 1982 of six to 6.5 percent similar to 1981, in 10 East Asian nations and Australia. India and Pakistan are also expecting a good year. The forecasts range from just over three percent for the increase in gross national product in Australia, to four percent in China, 5.2 percent predicted by the Japanese government, and 10 percent for Singapore.

By contrast, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris has predicted growth of only 1.25 percent for its 24 industrialized member countries in 1982. Oil and material importing countries like Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea are heartened by recent falls in the price of oil and commodities.

And countries which rely on oil or commodity exports, such as Indonesia, Thailand, Australia and the Philippines, believe they can keep their heads above water despite low prices, thanks to heavy investment programs. Such programs are expected to result in higher import bills, but the director of the Asian division of the International Monetary Fund, Tun Thun, said recently that most of the resulting deficits should be of manageable limits.

This will be particularly true if countries continue to enjoy easy credit from international banks, which showed great willingness last year to grant finance to Asia's developing economies. Analysts say these nations with large populations need to maintain high growth rates to hold down social and political pressures. Japan remains the region's dominant force, and its growth is expected to continue to outstrip that of major Western competitors.

However, government forecasts of 5.2 percent growth this year are rosier than an estimate by the OECD of only 3.75 percent. Domestic demand in Japan is stagnant and expected to rise only slowly.

Pressure from the United States and western Europe on Japan to reduce its trade surplus and the tight monetary policy of the

Japanese government are also likely to dampen growth, but investment programs by other Far Eastern countries may enable Japan to divert some of its exports there. Singapore could repeat last year's growth rate of 10 percent, economists believe. The ill effects of shrinking export markets, due to the slump in the West, should be outweighed by a buoyant financial sector and a strong building industry, together with the country's proximity to Malaysian and Indonesian markets.

Tight export markets also affect Hong Kong, where, private forecasters believe, growth will drop this year from 10 percent to 7.5 percent. Inflation in the colony should stay in double figures after last year's 10 percent, though the trade deficit, estimated at \$3.6 billion for 1981, should be a little smaller this year.

Taiwan's official estimates envisage a two percentage-point increase in growth to 7.5 percent and a two point drop in inflation to 7.5 percent, although private sources say this depends largely on economic recovery in the United States. South Korea expects a steady growth of just over seven percent, and a narrowing of its current account deficit from \$5 billion to \$4.4 billion. Chinese officials expect an increase in growth from three to four percent this year, with Premier Zhao Ziyang giving priority to cutting bureaucracy and emphasizing market needs.

Polish purchases from West fall

VIENNA, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Polish purchases from capitalist countries fell 30 percent in 1981, while its imports from the Socialist countries rose two percent, PAP News Agency said Wednesday.

Poland's exports to the West fell 21.3 percent of \$5.7 billion. Sales by Socialist countries fell 10 percent, the agency reported, monitored here. Total Polish exports were \$13 billion, down 15.4 percent on 1980 which was a mediocre year, PAP said.

The trade deficit with Socialist countries was \$1.9 billion and the deficit with the West was \$78,200,000. The latter figure was far smaller than in previous years. PAP said it was due to Poland giving up purchases of basic products due to lack of foreign currency.

BRIEFS

L-10-11 plane. Lockheed intends to cease output due to insufficient orders. Aircraft industry sources said the proposal was designed to meet the needs of certain Lockheed customers. Boeing's acceptance would have enabled Lockheed to return if it wished to the large plane market at a later date, they said.

DETROIT, (AFP) — United States automobile production could drop even further this year after its 1981 plunge to the lowest production level in 20 years, the specialist auto magazine *Ward's Automotive Report* stated in its latest issue. Citing "confidential forecasts" from carmakers, it said that production programs for the first half of this year were based on the manufacture of 3,300,000 cars, eight percent down on last year's January — June figure of 3,700,000.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Peru has joined the 1980 International Cocoa Agreement, the United Nations announced here. The agreement, applied on a provisional basis pending ratification by 25 countries and the EEC, provides for a minimum price of \$1 per pound of cocoa and a maximum of \$1.6. Intervention rates are \$1.1 minimum and \$1.5 maximum, the U.N. said.

Dollar maintains stability

By J.H. Hammond.

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The dollar eased back in New York Tuesday night after the European high levels reached, but Wednesday the American currency remained stable. Sterling and the Japanese yen were the most volatile against the dollar while the German mark and Swiss franc made some headway. Wednesday saw another day of firming U.S. dollar interest rates — by as much as 1/4 percent in most tenors, but the money markets seemed to be gripped by self-doubts about the expected size of the Friday to-be-released U.S. money supply figures. A rise of up to \$10 billion had been bandied around but this was gradually whittled down to less than \$8 billion by Wednesday's close of business. On the bullion front, gold managed to stay within a narrow trading band range of \$388.387 with little firm buying support emerging.

In the local markets, rial rates remained stable in the short dates, but some small rises in rial rates were seen in the medium to long tenors — the first such moves in the latter periods for about a week now. The domestic markets were still able to see sizeable rial liquidity injections coming into the system.

With Eurodollar deposit rates now at 15 1/16-15 1/8 percent for the one year and 13 7/16-13 1/4 percent for the one month, the dollar continued to look attractive to foreign investors especially in Europe. Despite difference on what the final money supply figures will actually turn out to be, most commentators seemed to agree that there will be a large rise necessitating a curbing on credit by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. In such a situation, rates will go up.

The exchange markets were a bit more cautious however, and the dollar eased slightly after some profit taking, except against the sterling and yen.

The British pound unmoved within a range of 1.8710-1.8730 for most of Wednesday after even falling to 1.8580 Tuesday in some hectic dealing. The markets are awaiting Thursday's ballot by miners on whether to go on national strike before making up their mind on sterling. The Bundesbank on the other hand, stepped in at the last moment and did some dollar selling in Frankfurt which helped the mark to bounce back to 2.2815 levels from the 2.2960 levels Tuesday. The French franc similarly rose to 5.7930 from 5.8290 levels while the Swiss franc rose to 1.8530 from 1.8650. The yen was weak and unchanged at 223.10 levels.

On the local markets, rial deposit rates remained stable with one month deposit opening at 11 1/2-11 1/4 and remaining at that level for most of the day. The six month rial rate was similarly quoted at 12 1/2-13 1/4 percent but the one year firming slightly to reach 13-13 1/4 percent from 12 1/2-13 1/4 percent. Week fixed deposits were now quoted at 10-11 percent with overnight funds still very much available at 8-9 percent. Dealers have been pretty much satisfied at the way the rial market has been behaving during the last week, with no erratic jumps recorded.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	379.62
Paris	394.75
Frankfurt	387.97
Zurich	379.50
Hong Kong	391.37

Poland pays part of banks' interest

FRANKFURT, Jan. 13 (R) — Poland has told West Germany's Dresdner Bank that the amount owed to Western banks as 1981 interest on its loans has been reduced to less than \$300 million, banking sources in Frankfurt said Wednesday.

Bankers had estimated early last month that Warsaw owed 501 Western and Japanese banks between \$450 and \$500 million in 1981 as interest on loans of about \$1.6 billion. Poland also owes Western governments about \$12 billion. The banks have been insisting that the interest be paid in full before they all sign an agreement postponing repayment of \$2.4 billion in loans that became due last year.

The sources said the \$300 million figure was given to Dresdner Board Member Hans Friedrichs who went to Warsaw Monday. He met Finance Minister Marian Krzak and Marian Minkiewicz president of Bank Handlowy, the country's foreign trade bank. Dresdner is the international agent for the unpaid rescheduling agreement on behalf of the 501 creditor banks.

The meeting was held first between a Western banker and Polish officials since

Japan gives \$47m credit to India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AP) — Japan will provide 10.48 billion yen (about \$47 million) in credit to India under agreements signed here Wednesday.

Six billion yen (about \$27 million) will go to expand India's telecommunications system, 2.68 billion yen (\$12 million) to improve its national railway network, and 1.8 billion yen (\$8 million) to modernize the Bombay Suburban Railway system.

The agreements were signed by Japan's ambassador to India, Eikichi Hara, and Economic Affairs Secretary R.N. Malhotra.

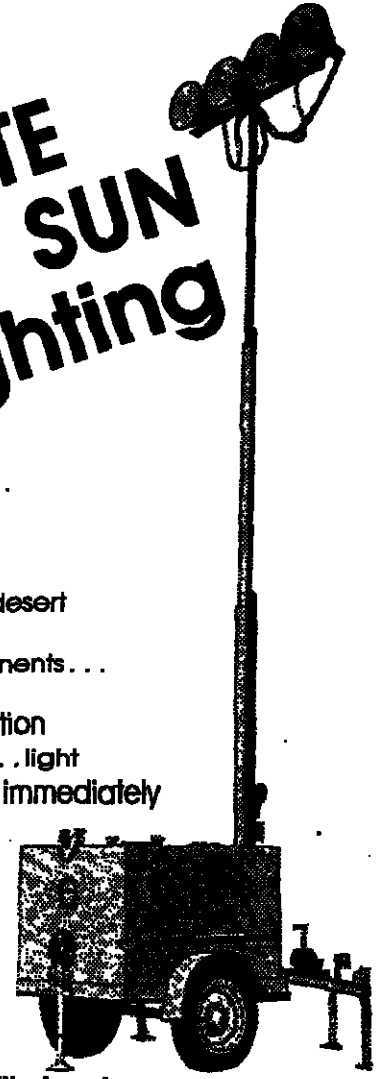
Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.08	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	14.90	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10	—
Canadian Dollar	—	288.00	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	150.25	150.05	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	137.15	136.95	—
Egyptian Pound	—	3.50	3.93
Estimote Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	—
French Franc (100)	59.25	59.10	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	58.80	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.20	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel	6.50	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.40	28.10	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.35	—
Jordanian Dinar	10.10	10.03	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.12	12.09	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	73.40	73.30	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.45	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.00	—
Philippine Peso (100)	42.25	42.25	—
Pound Sterling	6.46	6.43	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	167.05	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.90	—
Swiss Franc (100)	185.25	185.10	—
Syrian Lira (100)	58.70	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.00	74.90	—

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AMERICA'S MANEUVER

The U.N. Security Council is still looking into what response it can make to Israel's refusal to go back on its decision to annex Syria's Golan Heights. In the background, the various parties are maneuvering diligently after it became clear that the only real rejoinder on the part of the international community, which is that of military and economic mandatory sanctions, is not on the cards because of America's veto.

The view advanced by the Americans now is that the occasion has to be used for bringing Syria and Israel to the negotiating table. But this is no more than a ploy to take the international community's mind off the main issue, which is Israel's illegal and aggressive act.

America knows very well that Syria will not enter into bilateral peace negotiations with Israel when the enemy has made clear that it intends to yield nothing back from the territory occupied in the 1967 war, let alone recognize the rights of the Palestinian people. What America does not appear to know is that its maneuver makes it look very much like an accessory to Israel's crime.

The situation now is that the Security Council has rejected the Israeli stand without being able to come up with a sufficiently forceful answer to it. The danger here is in the Security Council contenting itself with a symbolic punishment to Israel, one which the Israelis could quite happily live with. For this would mean that the criminal has been punished for his crime so that, in a certain sense, nothing more could be said or done about the matter.

The representatives of the Arab world at the U.N. must do their utmost to avert such an eventuality. The Security Council must not be allowed to "file and forget" the Golan Heights file. The problem does not merely concern Syria and the Arab world and Israel, but the very concept of international legality which Israel, aided and abetted by America, has done its best to destroy.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabia's call on the Security Council to impose sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and the false reports circulated by some Arab newspapers relating to the Kingdom's stand on the Palestinian issue figured for editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

Okaz said the Kingdom's representative Sheikh Jaafar Alagany's statement in the council has exposed the Zionist enemy's designs aimed at keeping the Middle East in a constant state of tension and insecurity. "By keeping the region tense, Israel is trying to implement its plans," the paper said.

The paper stressed that Israel should know that "the Kingdom fully supports Syria in its confrontation with Israel over the Golan Heights." It warned against the malicious reports appearing in some Arab newspapers and described them as "true reflections of Israeli-influenced propaganda."

Al-Bilad noted that the failure of the Security Council to impose sanctions against Israel will lead to a lack of confidence in the effectiveness and utility of the world body. It said threats by the superpowers to use the veto "will humiliate and degrade the world organization in the eyes of

member states." Al-Bilad added that the Kingdom displayed its national responsibility toward the Arab causes by calling on the Security Council to apply sanctions on Israel as stipulated in the seventh chapter of the United Nations Charter. It called on the Arab states to cement their solidarity and unify their ranks for confronting the challenges of the Israeli enemy.

Al-Jazirah strongly criticized the fabricated reports in some Arab newspapers on the Kingdom's stand on the Palestinian issue. The paper said the Kingdom's support for Arab and Palestinian causes emanates from its strong belief in Arab solidarity and unity.

It referred to the statements made by Palestinian leaders in which they reiterated their appreciation and thanks to the Kingdom over its aid and support for the Palestinian cause.

Al-Nadwa warned against a new Israeli attack on southern Lebanon or on any other Arab country "in order to cover its crimes in the Golan Heights."

It referred to constant Israeli attempts to create problems and troubles in Lebanon, "with the aim of hindering moves of national reconciliation there." (SPA)

China-U.S. honeymoon cooling

By Jonathan Minsky

LONDON — China's honeymoon with the United States is cooling and although the Soviet Union remains the main enemy, the Americans are being edged into an equal role "The U.S. and the Soviet Union belong to the same category." Peking's Washington correspondent has just concluded. "In the eyes of other countries they are superpowers and each is the other's number one adversary."

Two days later, the *People's Daily* wondered whether the U.S. was entering the worst category of all: "hegemonism" or illegitimate domination of others, a condition usually reserved for the Russians.

Behind this increasing hostility lie two main factors. There is Peking's mounting disappointment that Washington has not taken a firmer line with the Soviets, thus providing a shield for the Chinese while they attempt internal modernization. Chinese opinion holds that the U.S. and its allies have weakly permitted Moscow or its proxies to trample Kampuchea, Afghanistan, and now, it seems, Poland.

But it is the Taiwan question which may blow a hole in President Reagan's foggy China policy, if he persists in selling arms to Nationalist China. China's anger appeared initially to focus solely on the sale of advanced jet fighters, but its present position is that arms sales of any sort violate Chinese sovereignty.

Just last month, the Chinese cautioned the U.S. for what seemed to be the last time that they were failing "the severe test" applied to possible hegemonists by dealing directly with Taiwan, and observers believe that a downgrading of diplomatic relations may be in the offing. Such a fate befell Holland last year for selling submarines to Taiwan.

Perhaps to reassure themselves, the Chinese have quoted a State Department spokesman who in late December affirmed that "there is no decision even in principle on the sale of fighter aircraft," but Washington's intentions to sell quantities of other "defensive" weapons to Taipei may be a sufficient cause for diplomatic rupture.

Meanwhile, China sees the U.S. as at last awakening from its post-Vietnam isolationist stupor, determined to spend large sums on military hardware and shifting its strategy to the possibility of several small anti-Soviet wars at once.

The Chinese take a glum view of the Western peace movement which they treat as an offshoot of Moscow's "peace offensive." It is all part of Russia's attempt to drive a wedge between the U.S. and the Europeans, who supply the Soviets with technology in exchange for oil and gas, and look the other way as the Russian menace closes in, say the Chinese.

The new note in the anti-American drive centers on the Third World, where China wishes to regain the leading position it lost during the Cultural Revolution.

While conceding that the Soviet Union's intervention in the Middle East and South Asia may undermine the West "without firing a shot" the Chinese, who have studiously avoided criticism of American activities abroad for some years, now change Washington with "failing to treat Third World countries as equals... and treating as 'old friends' any nation which is pro-American or anti-Communist."

Washington's China specialists may react sharply to this barb. China's own foreign policies often appear to depend on the simple anti-Sovietism which establishes friendly relations with Argentina, Angola guerrillas, and with the U.S. itself.

China takes Taiwan as an example of America's interference. But so is Central America, according to Peking, where it is one thing to counter Moscow and Havana but quite another to thwart revolution, a sensitive point for the Reagan administration, bogged down in El Salvador.

By Robin Suryth

PARIS — After an eight-month forced march toward socialism, France is moving into strange country as the changes decreed by Francois Mitterrand take shape. In 1982, the French will see rise around them the new nationalized banks and industries, new decentralized form of local government, new relations between workers and employers. The working week will become shorter and the prospect of retirement will draw closer.

President Mitterrand was plainly a happy man when he sat in a corner of the Elysee Palace library early in December and gave a progress report to television viewers. He has been struck by none of the disasters predicted by his opponents before his victory in May.

From being the political warrior who always lost in the final contest for power, he has become the most secure of European leaders. German social democracy falters; the British economy stumbles further downhill; Belgium seems closer than ever to falling apart; but Mitterrand is set fair to 1988 with an overwhelming Socialist National Assembly majority until 1986.

A French president speaks to the outside world with the same authority as his predecessors. The four Communist ministers in his cabinet may have put certain Western governments on their guard, but the style of French diplomacy has not been noticeably cramped. Indeed Mitterrand has managed to fascinate Washington with a policy which is an intriguing mixture of hawk and dove. At Cancun he threw down his gauntlet as champion of the Third World against the kind of overlords who were

By Allison Smales

VIENNA — To Polish refugees in Austria, news from friends, family and homeland is scarce. Every day, a cluster of refugees joins television crews and reporters waiting at Vienna's south railway station for the *Chopin Express* from Warsaw.

Some come two or three times a week to see if they can glean information about their hometowns of Gdansk, Wroclaw, Zielona Gora and Krakow. "So far, we've been lucky," said one young man from the Goetzendorf refugee camp near Vienna, who refused, like his four companions, to be identified because he has a family in Poland.

This day, however, was not a lucky one. Those braving the early morning chill in search of news had to settle for accounts from Myslowice in Silesia.

Under the ever-present beams of camera lights, a



France and the forced march toward socialism

often seen by Washington as bulwarks against communism.

But no president of France's Fifth Republic has been such a staunch defender of the U.S. position in the strategic trial of strength with Moscow.

At home impatient workers have not occupied their factories demanding more than the government can yield. The conservative forces which ruled for so long rage against the new order, but for the moment they have no more impact than wildly gesticulating figures seen through the wrong end of a telescope.

Certainly there are stirrings of discontent. Groups of doubters have formed on the Right and the Left. The perennial dissatisfaction of French farmers with what they consider the pittance that any government feels able to offer in the way of subsidies has in recent days erupted in violent rioting in country towns.

The Communist Party has shown in the Polish crisis that its membership of a Socialist government has not tempered its old views. It is clear to Socialists that their Communist allies are with them only so long as Mitterrand's star remains high.

The first months of socialism have been strewn with outside ministerial blunders and some notable retreats from old slogans and promises. The reduction of national service from one year to six months has been abandoned as impracticable. Ecologists who thought that Mitterrand was on their side are furious to find that after a temporary shutdown of a few nuclear power stations President Giscard's nuclear power program is now going forward at full speed with few cuts.

But if some of the exhilaration has worn off since the election in May, the main column of Socialist

voters has held together. They retain their trust in the new venture despite the lack of any sign as yet that the government will succeed in turning back unemployment from the two million mark passed in the autumn, or of forcing down inflation which over the past year stands at a predictable but unacceptable 14 percent.

Without victories on these two fronts other reforms will be valueless. But it is here that any Socialist experiment in the West runs into difficulties. Mitterrand stressed to the TV interviewers that it was socialism he was aiming for and not social democracy. He is determined to change the country's economic and social structures and not just to share out the proceeds of capitalism more evenly.

Yet Mitterrand knows that the road to victory over unemployment lies through a spectacular upturn in the French economy. This can be achieved only if the country's capitalists — the employers in the private sector — wage the capitalist struggle with more boldness and fervor than they have shown under capitalism. But can hard-pressed employers be expected to take risks — to invest and create new jobs — if the party in power is denouncing them as the class enemy and the government is so obviously preparing to sacrifice them to the new society as soon as it is safe to do so?

As Pierre Mauroy, the prime minister, toured the provinces recently he passed demonstrations of trade unionists chanting "Make the employers pay." In Grenoble hundreds of employers marched through the streets with banners pleading "Let us live."

The government's attitude to the employers alternates between exasperation and reassurance. In the eyes of most Socialists the employers are

ungrateful, timorous or wilfully obstructive. But Jacques Delors, the popular finance minister, decided that the business community had a case. He proposed openly that the government should call a "pause" in its breathtaking program of reforms.

Mauroy's response was an emphatic refusal to slow down the Socialist bandwagon. It was left to Mitterrand to adjudicate the quarrel on the TV screen. The president expressed affection and support for both Mauroy and Delors, but his bland verdict came down closer to the former. There would be no pause, he said, until the program he had promised before his election had been achieved. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 14th, the 14th day of 1982. There are 351 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1784 — United States ratifies peace treaty with England, formally ending American war of independence.

1814 — Denmark cedes Norway to Sweden in return for Western Pomerania and Rugen by Treaty of Kile.

1858 — Felice Orsini's plot to assassinate Napoleon III is uncovered.

1907 — Earthquake in Jamaica destroys Kingston and takes 1,000 lives.

1918 — Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, is arrested for treason.

1942 — Forces under U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur resist Japanese attacks on Bataan in Philippines during World War II.

1950 — Muhammad Said forms Iranian government.

1953 — Yugoslav parliament elects Marshal Tito as first president of the republic.

1962 — At least 36 Algerians and Europeans are killed in disorders and terrorist attacks in Algeria's major cities.

1969 — U.S. aircraft carrier *Enterprise*, said to be world's largest warship, is torn by fire and explosions while on maneuvers off Hawaii, and 25 men are killed.

1971 — West German Chancellor Willy Brandt offers to negotiate non-aggression pact with East Germany.

1980 — Iran's foreign minister warns that American hostages can remain in captivity forever, and that their spy trials will begin as soon as Ayatollah Khomeini gives the word.

Thought for today:

Music is the universal language of mankind — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, U.S. poet (1807-1882).

17. Maria said she did not know when she would come to Austria now. Most days, Toros waits at the station.

Occasionally, arguments erupt between those who arrive and those who wait. A bright young Polish mother, coming to join her husband and child in Austria, insisted over and over "nie prawda" ("it's not true") when a refugee inquired what she knew of the thousands of Poles he had heard were interned in camps.

"It is bad, but it is not that bad," she said.

Elsewhere in the small guesthouses, the transit camps, the Polish Church and emigre newspaper offices that are the refugees' world in Austria, the desperate search for information is also on.

Scraps of paper covered with names and requests for information or addresses are spliced on railings outside the church every Sunday. (AP)

middle-aged Silesian from the train told his fellow Poles of the situation there — shops even more devoid of food than before martial law and better security.

Further down the platform, an Austrian man embraced his petite Polish wife, newly arrived from Warsaw. He had flowers ready for the welcome because he had known through her father in East Germany she was definitely coming on the train that day.

A man who has lived in Austria for 17 years was less fortunate. Spotting Poles who knew German, he waved a letter from his Warsaw girlfriend, one of the first to get through since Dec. 13 and bearing the stamp "ocenzurowano" — "censored."

A helpful Pole translated for the man, who called himself Toros, that his girl, Maria, had written of plans to come to Vienna again.

But that was written Dec. 12. In a postscript Dec.

Popular ad series

Alley cats catch on, Japanese adore them

By Kay Tateishi

TOKYO (AP) — Four alley cats have become a sensation in Japan, and are making a fortune for a local advertising executive. The four strays, known collectively as "Namennayo" — "don't make light of me" — have been catapulted to fame by Satoru Tsuda, a 31-year-old director of the "top fashion poster" ad agency.

Tsuda advertised for stray cats and received 700 of them — some simply dumped on his doorstep. He selected four photogenic kittens, then groomed them and dressed them in costumes at a cost of 150,000 yen (about \$750) apiece as caricatures of Japanese youth.

The felines, posed in a series of color photos intended to ridicule modern Japanese society, have become a fad practically overnight and now appear on more than 130 products, including post cards, diaries, stationery, calendars, placemats, pendants, vinyl bags and school supplies.

Tsuda and his staff are becoming rich. For tax reasons, he refuses to reveal his income from the cat products. But press reports estimate it at over a million dollars in two months.

The superstrays, Matakichi, Nyanta, Tamaburo and Hideo, appear in a variety of roles:

—As tiny hot-rodgers with black leather jackets and warrior headbands, standing beside SC P-model sports cars.

—As delinquent teenagers, dressed in the dark uniforms of Japanese students.

—As a rock 'n' roll band. Complete with miniature electric guitars.

—As schoolgirls, as bespectacled school teachers, and as aproned housewives wielding brooms.

Not everyone, however, thinks the "Namennayo" craze is fun. Tsuda has been criticized for dressing the cats in costumes and making them stand erect, supported by rods down their backs, for a minute or so while photos are made.

Etsuko Niki, a well-known mystery writer who features cats in her whodunits, complains, "It is cruel to dress cats in costumes and force them to pose on their hindlegs."

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) agrees, but so far has taken no action.

"We are taking a wait and see attitude

whether to exert strong action to stop such acts," says SPCA spokesman Takenhiko Tajima. "We have asked that the cats be properly fed and given enough rest, and that they be cared for by a veterinarian at all times."

Tsuda says he has assured welfare and humane officials that "the kittens are being given the best of care."

The Japanese have the same sort of love-or-hate relationship with cats as do many other societies. Even before "Namennayo" clawed to fame and fortune, cat photo books were popular here.

Riding the "Namennayo" catfash now is Shinjiro Sagara, a 33-year-old photographer whose speciality is architecture. He posed three kittens found in Paris amid scenic settings in France, Greece and Italy for a series of photo albums called "lovely cat abroad."

"I take my hat off to Mr. Tsuda," says Sagara. "He's hit a gold mine. Nevertheless, I prefer my cats in their own environment."

Japanese social critic Yukio Akatsuka recalls a popular pre-World War II comic strip called "Norakuro" about a patriotic dog of dubious ancestry.

He became an Imperial Army soldier in the heyday of Japanese militarism — and was banned by Allied occupation authorities after the war.

"Now it's cats," said Akatsuka. "They enjoy greater freedom, like people do today."

The lineage of Japanese cats goes back to China, and cats are prominent in folklore, woodcut prints, Kabuki plays and song and dance. There are many cat cemeteries where owners take their departed pets.

However, Japanese cats face some special hazards. According to experts, genuine catskin is essential in manufacture of the Samisen, a traditional three-stringed, banjo-like instrument. Nothing else, they say, can produce the correct twang-twang sound that echoes exotically from behind the sliding paper doors of Geisha houses.

An acute postwar shortage of catskin boosted the price of Samisen. The instruments today cost as much as 60,000 yen (\$500) with synthetic hide covers, and up to 276,000 yen (\$2,300) with dog hide, according to Naofumi Kuriyama, a longtime Tokyo dealer in Samisen.

Asian nations launching new anti-pollution plan

By Donatus de Silva

BANGKOK (DN) — Efforts to fight pollution in the once sparkling blue waters of the East Asian seas are receiving support not only in terms of words, but hard cash as well. Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have contributed \$172,000 to finance environmental activities during the next two years.

The ASEAN contribution for 1982 and 1983 to the trust fund, established to finance the East Asian seas action plan, came from Indonesia (\$60,000), Malaysia (\$34,000) and the Philippines (\$38,000).

Commenting on the initiative of ASEAN officials, Dr. Richard Helmer of the United Nations Environment Program said: "This is indeed a welcome initiative by the ASEAN countries. It shows that they mean business about the program to clean up the East Asian seas."

In addition to the ASEAN pledges, UNEP will contribute \$200,000 for the two-year period — half of which will directly go into the trust fund.

ASEAN countries have established a coordinating body which will implement the East Asian seas action plan launched by the countries early this year. The body will meet periodically in conjunction with the existing ASEAN expert group on the environment.

At a meeting held in Bangkok recently, ASEAN officials identified seven major projects for implementation during the next two years. These deal with oceanography, assessing oil pollution and pollution from domestic and industrial wastes, pollution effects on

mangroves and coral reefs, oil pollution control, waste disposal, and information exchange.

Each ASEAN member state will be responsible for implementing projects for which it has the expertise and where some work has already been carried out.

During the meeting, officials assigned institutions that will take the lead in coordinating the work of projects with other countries. For instance, Thailand's National Environment Board will take responsibility for carrying out oceanography studies.

The Marine Science Center of the state-owned University of the Philippines will assess the effects of pollutants and hazardous practices, such as dynamite fishing, on fisheries development, mangroves and coral reefs.

As some chemicals that are used to disperse oil in the seas, particularly oil spills, have serious side-effects on the marine environment, Malaysia's Fisheries Research Institute will stimulate cooperative research in identifying those chemicals which can be used that are least toxic.

Survey of sources and monitoring of oil pollution will be the main task of Indonesia's Oil and Gas Technology Development Center.

According to S. Sundram, Malaysia's director general of environment, "ours is a region with close affinity to the seas, witnessing rapid industrial development. It therefore becomes urgent for us to be vigilant in protecting our marine environment."



GOOD FRIENDS: 'Danny,' the pet cat owned by a family in northern England doesn't mind at all being used as a perch for his parakeet friend. Most cats are the sworn enemies of birds, but 'Danny' is the rare exception.

Ludwig spent \$1 billion

Brazilians try to save Jari project producing trees in the Amazon basin

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Fifteen years ago the dynamic U.S. shipping magnate Daniel Ludwig paid a visit to the Amazon jungle, liked what he saw, and bought a piece half the size of Belgium. Over the next few years he poured in one billion dollars to realize his ambition of turning the virgin forest into a profitable wood-pulp enterprise.

But the dream project slowly became a millstone and Ludwig, now 84 and in ill health, is handing over his jungle kingdom to Brazil.

Under a deal being worked out in Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and New York, a group of Brazilian companies, backed by the government, will take over Ludwig's Jari project, named after the river it straddles.

In return, according to business sources linked to the negotiations, the Brazilians will assume the project's debts and within a few years begin paying Ludwig a return on his investment.

Ludwig bought his tract of 1,600 million hectares (four million acres) in 1967. It lies just south of the equator, part in the lower Amazon state of Para and part in the neighboring territory of Amapa.

The American billionaire, who shrinks from publicity, made his fortune as one of the first builders of large oil tankers. His worldwide business empire also includes a fleet of merchant ships, oil wells, refineries and substantial property holdings.

His main plan at Jari was to produce wood-pulp for paper. Ludwig predicted that paper would become scarcer as the world's communications industry grew.

In recent years, ecologists have become concerned at uncontrolled tree-felling in the Amazon basin. Developers chop down timber, burn the remaining undergrowth and leave infertile desert in the place of lush jungle.

The Jari project, however, has sought to plant trees and farm them efficiently. Ludwig's men cleared 100,000 hectares (25,000 acres) of land and planted pines, eucalyptus and the gmelina, a quick-growing tree from Asia.

Current timber production is 1.2 million tons a year and should soon grow to 1.34 million tons according to a report issued by businessmen negotiating the current deal.

In a move typical of his drive and determi-

nation, Ludwig bought a pulp-processing plant in Japan and towed it round the world and up the Amazon to the heart of Jari. It now produces 240,000 tons of pulp a year.

Other plans got under way including a large rice-growing project, the establishment of herds of 6,400 water buffalo and 4,900 cattle as well as smaller agricultural plans.

The American magnate had one stroke of luck. Jari turned out to contain an estimated 150-million-ton deposit of kaolin, a white clay used in making porcelain and paper. Current production is about 150,000 tons of processed kaolin a year.

To serve all these operations Ludwig built 60 km (40 miles) of railway, 500 km (300 miles) of main roads, 4,000 km (2,500 miles) of secondary roads, six small towns, three airfields, and a port.

Although the workforce of 3,500 is small, an estimated 35,000 people have been drawn to Jari as casual laborers.

Despite the determination and energy, Jari has yet to pay a dividend on the billion dollars Ludwig put into it — \$650 million of investment in his business empire and \$350 million in foreign credits, according to the business sources.

The tropical Amazon soil turned out to be much less fertile than expected cutting yields, and the Asian trees did not adapt as well as hoped.

Ludwig, who, according to newspaper reports has used more than 20 project managers in 15 years, complained that the Brazilian government was hindering Jari with bureaucratic maneuvers.

His ownership of such a huge tract of land, also provoked attacks from some politicians, who demanded nationalization of the project.

But according to the sources, it was his failing health, more than any other factor, which finally persuaded the aging billionaire to part with his pet project.

The sources said that Ludwig lost interest in the Jari project when he could no longer visit it because of ill health and that it began to suffer from lack of leadership.

Ludwig, who is apparently confined to bed in New York, put the problem in the hands of a long-time friend and associate, Brazilian millionaire Augusto De Azevedo Antunes.

Azevedo Antunes' plan, which has yet to be finally approved by the government, is for the formation of a \$100-million Brazilian company to take over.

His own company "Anhia Auxiliar De Empresas De Mineracao (CAEMI)" will pay \$40 million for the kaolin deposits while 20 of Brazil's biggest companies will take a three-million-dollar stake each.

ROME — If an airmail letter posted today in Rome, destined for a foreign address, should be received within five or six days — rather than the more usual 20 — the Italian state police can be thanked. Beginning in December under the orders of Luciano Infelisi, a Rome magistrate, squads of policemen have been visiting various government offices in a concerted effort to crack down on absenteeism.

One of the places inspected was the letter sorting department at the Rome airport. Forty-two employees had punched a time clock that day but the policemen's headcount added up to but four. Judge Infelisi has summoned the "present but missing" 38 postal workers to report to his office for their explanation. If their absence cannot be justified, he will charge them with "defrauding the state."

In some cases, he is considering evoking two other laws, that which punishes "neglect of public duty" and that which punishes "the interruption of a public service." All three offenses carry a sentence of from one to five years.

A survey taken one year ago indicated that only about 18 percent of the personnel in the government ministries actually worked at their posts at any given time, or stayed at their posts until closing time. At the ministry of education, which has 1,700,000 civil servants, 51 percent of them routinely left their offices one hour before closing time.

Using the police for these inspection tours, with the implication that a criminal offence may have been committed, is probably the only way to handle the situation. The trade unions have usually supported the civil servants even when they objected to time clocks, on the vague notion that it made their working conditions "less human," and that it implied lack of trust.

In Monza, outside Milan another legal landmark could be made by a court trial which recently opened. The president and founder of Candy, the refrigerator and washing machine company, Niso Fumagalli, is suing 53 of his workers for a sum equal to stg 280,000, which he claims was the amount of damages his company suffered during the 58 days last year when picketing workers refused to let the merchandise or spare parts leave his Monza factory.

At the time of the picketing, Fumagalli obtained a court order against the strikers blocking the passage of merchandise and the judge left the company the possibility later of seeking damages. Because the picketers did not obey the court order (though the strike was later settled) Fumagalli has now sued them for financial damages.

Ruby boom soon lost its luster

By Lashair Matheson

VOICONS The first landmark for early explorers of Kenya on their long march in land was the 5,000 ft mass of Kassicau Mountain, rearing up out of what is now Africa's largest wild animal sanctuary, Tsavo National Park.

Kassicau had little other significance until a decade ago, when it became the symbol of overnight riches for many Kenyans who had caught "stone fever" — flocking to the foot of the mountain in search of gems.

Farmers abandoned their fields, town traders shuttered their shops and senior civil servants in Nairobi vacated their offices for days while they went to look for a quick fortune in rubies or garnets.

Kenyans had never known such an easy way to make money. Apart from a short-lived "gold boom" in Kakamega, western Kenya, and one copper mine on the shores of Lake Victoria, there had been no previous evidence of wealth underground.

By the mid-1970, the sparsely populated lion country around the sleepy rail junction of Voi had become a center of greed. The town was full of smartly dressed men offering wads of notes for high-quality stones sneaked out from the diggings.

One foreign prospector who had been working quietly for years in this part of Kenya had already registered a claim over an immensely rich vein — only to discover, when he was forced off, that his page in the mining register had been mysteriously torn out.

He was deported and his claim, bearing a rich haul of rubies, was fenced off as a patrolled night and day by police, while influential people in the country tried their best to get hold of the property.

"Stone fever" even spread to the family of the then President Jomo Kenyatta. Most of the "prospectors" were content to sit in their tents waiting for stones to be offered by local Taita tribesmen at a tenth or less of their real value.

Just as in the old gold rush days, the pickings also lured tricksters, and gangsters, the latter acting as "bodyguards" for the so-called agents and couriers working for prominent city businessmen with a stake in the gemstone trade.

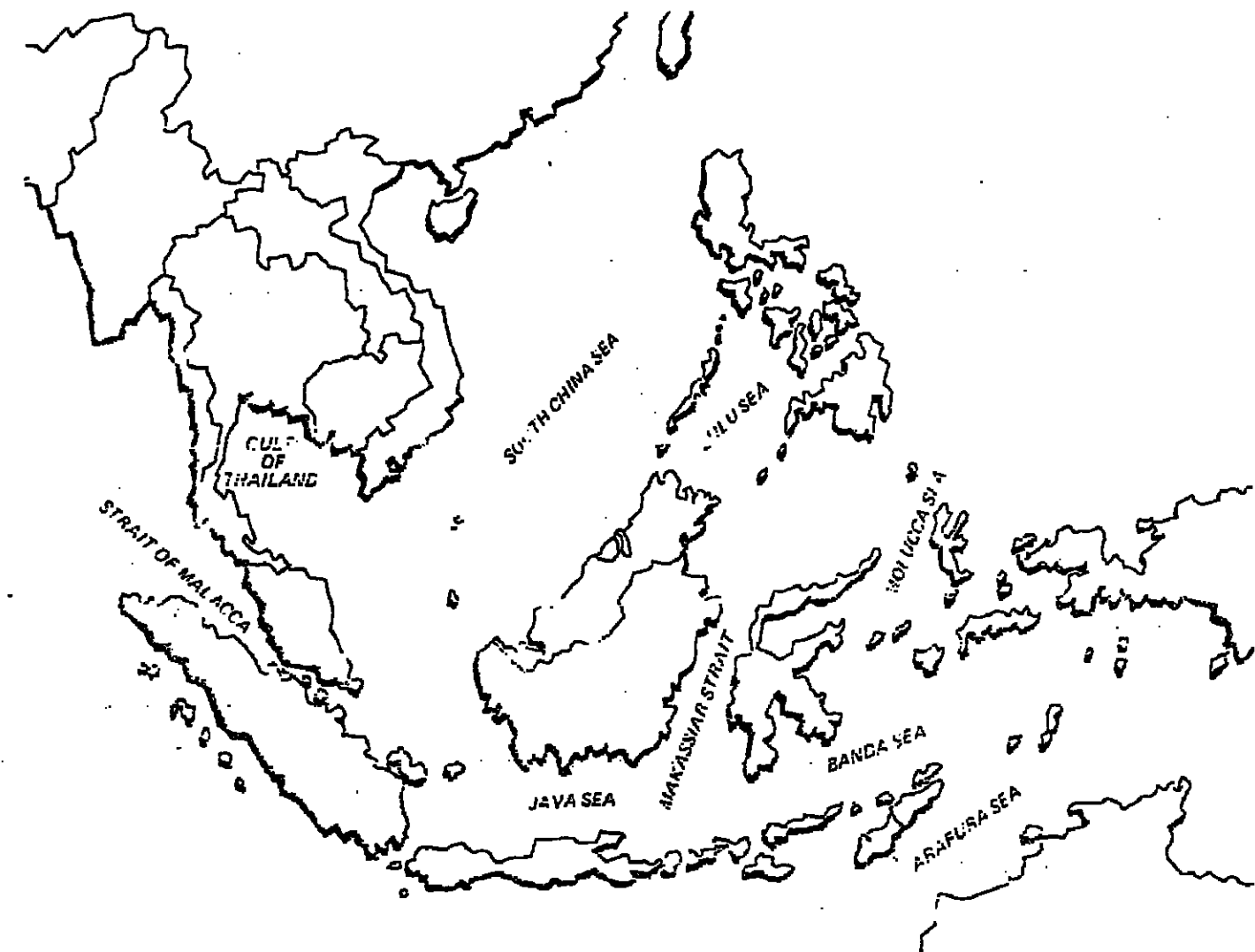
Soon the Wagongani Swahili for con-men — were making fortunes selling melted-down lumps of bottle glass as green garnets.


Probably because so many important personalities were involved in the gemstone trade, little attempt was made by the government to enforce controls over minerals extracted from state land.

Voi acquired the atmosphere of a Wild West town. When police finally swooped on unlicensed dealers, the racket shifted to a dreary trading center of rusting corrugated iron shacks named Maungu, the point where the sandy track from Kassicau joins the main Mombasa-Nairobi highway.

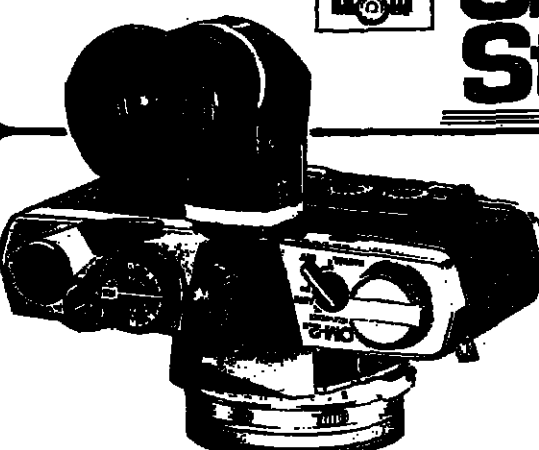
The heyday of the gem bonanza here has passed but a visitor still has the feeling he is under scrutiny from all sides. Once darkness falls, there is the distinct likelihood of a cautious "touch" of a handful of stones proffered surreptitiously from the shadows or word whispered of "the man" waiting next door.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



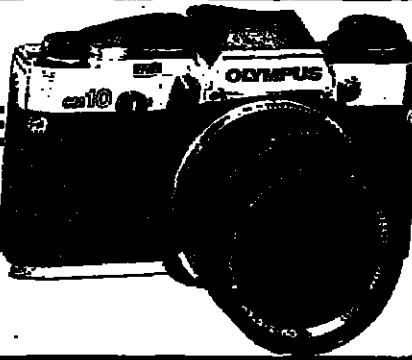



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Barnsley holds Liverpool goalless

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Only one of the eleven scheduled League Cup matches went through in Britain on Tuesday night. And that match was a thrilling affair all the way in which battling Barnsley held First Division aristocrats Liverpool to a goalless draw.

The European champions were made to struggle from the start by Norman Hunter's lively Second Division Cup fighters. Barnsley, who have already captured the scalps of Manchester City, Swansea and Brighton in the competition seemed like making Liverpool their fourth First Division victim and it needed an early save by goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar to foil Neil Cooper.

Seconds later Alan Kennedy hooked clear from Colin Walker and then it was Liverpool's turn and Barnsley goalkeeper Bob Horn had to be quick to frustrate Ian Rush. Barnsley kept on the pressure in the second half too, but Liverpool gradually took control and McDermott almost took them into the semifinals when his clever lob beat Horn, but Ian Evans headed over the bar. Liverpool, now face a difficult trip to Oakwell for the replay on Jan. 19.

Meanwhile, England football manager Ron Greenwood said he was not unhappy with England's position in the third of the 1984 European Cup preliminary groupings. He said Hungary would be England's main rivals, and in fact the group championship would be a play off between the two countries. Since England beat Hungary in the World Cup qualifiers last year he felt it was not a bad group from England's viewpoint.

Pablo Porta, president of the Spanish Football Federation, said he hoped his country would qualify for the final phase in France. "But to do so we will have to eliminate the Netherlands, the toughest team of the group. We will also have to be wary of Ireland and take care of our goal difference when we meet Iceland and Malta."

Jupp Derwal, the West German manager, said he was happy because he already had a good knowledge of their group rivals, particularly Austria, whom West Germany beat twice in World Cup qualifying matches. "However, it is always difficult being the favorites of a group and we will have to be careful of a slip against Northern Ireland, Turkey or even Albania."

Belgian manager Guy Thys said several groups were hard, but he felt Group One, in which his country will compete with Scotland, East Germany and Switzerland, would be the most evenly balanced. "We will have to study Scotland and Switzerland very carefully, since they were undoubtedly the best teams." Enzo Bearzot, manager of Italy, said the draw had not gone against them.



DAZED: France's Miloud Kaddour (right) has Miroslav Vrbna of Czechoslovakia dazed with a beautiful right during an international boxing bout at the "Erikadalskall" in Stockholm Monday night. Kaddour won the bout on points.

Michael Spinks to defend title

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AFP) — World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks of America will defend his title on February 13 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, against the Ugandan Mustafa Wassaga, the fight's organizers announced here Tuesday.

Spinks, the 1976 Olympic middleweight champion, and his challenger are both unbeaten in the professional ring. The Philadelphia boxer has won 18 contests, 12 inside the distance and Wassaga, who lives in Denmark, has won 26 bouts, five of them inside the limit.

Meanwhile, boxing matches fixed for London's Royal Albert Hall next Tuesday have been canceled because of the indisposition of two of the night's star boxers.

Britain's Maurice Hope, former world light middleweight champion, has influenza and cannot take on Reg Ford of Guyana. America's Arturo Leon, from Arizona has fractured a hand and withdrawn from his bout with Ugandan-born Cornelius Boza, former world junior lightweight champion.

No new date has been fixed for the fights.

Welshman Colin Jones will not have to wait for his European welterweight title

Ireland-Wales rugby tie put off

DUBLIN, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The Ireland-Wales Rugby Union international at Lansdowne Road Dublin on Saturday was postponed for a week because of the weather. The game has been rearranged for Saturday week. It is 80 years since a big match was called off at the ground.

A joint statement by the Irish and Welsh Rugby Unions said. "They took into account the difficulty the Welsh team and supporters

chance after all. Following the withdrawal of reigning champion, Jorgen Hansen, Friday, Jones has now been offered a fight for the vacant title with Hansen's fellow Dane, Hans Henrik Palm in Copenhagen, on February 25, it was reported in London Tuesday.

It is subject to ratification by the European Boxing Union (EBU), but there is unlikely to be any problem since the EBU wants the championship situation cleared up quickly, following Hansen's surprise decision to relinquish it.

Jones, the 22-year-old British and Commonwealth champion from Gorseinon was to have received his biggest purse, — more than £18,000 for the Hansen fight. The offer to meet Palm, which has been accepted, lowers his purse as Palm is considered a slightly easier opponent than Hansen, who became champion for the second time in 1979 by knocking out Britain's Dave Green, and who has defended the title regularly since.

It was believed that he did not relish meeting a puncher of the Welshman's calibre at the advanced age of 39 but he is such a big hitter himself that Jones' task was considered by no means cut and dried. Hansen is considered less daring and a lot more orthodox.

would have travelling to Dublin." With many roads in Wales still impassable thousands of fans would have been unable to make the trip.

John Dawes, the Welsh Rugby Union's coaching organizer said Wednesday. "It is by no means certain that the team could have got there either." Dawes added. "The postponement is something of a blessing in disguise. With all our players not having had a game for weeks, I doubt very much whether they would have been fit enough for an international by Saturday anyway."

Weather conditions in Ireland have been nearly as bad, although it is thought that the Lansdowne Road pitch, which still has a covering of snow, would have been fit to play. Neither side has been able to train in the past week, but both will now hope to stage squad sessions on Sunday and have the usual build up next week.

Wales be forced to train indoors in Cardiff, however, unless there is a rapid thaw. The third round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup was scheduled for Saturday week, but clubs involved who have players away at the international are being given the chance to find a new date.

India makes most of dropped catches

MADRAS, India, Jan. 13 (AP) — England captain Keith Fletcher's decision Wednesday in putting India to bat after winning the toss in the fifth cricket Test here did not pay off. At the close of the opening day, the home side was 178 for two, with Gundappa Vishwanath on 64 and Yashpal Sharma on 5.

Dilip Vengsarkar was, earlier, struck on the head by a Bob Willis bouncer and rushed to a local hospital, where an X-ray showed he had no fracture. Vengsarkar delighted the 55,000 cricket fans who packed Madras' Chepauk ground with elegant shots on both sides of the wicket during his inconclusive innings of 71 runs.

The visitors dropped two vital catches in the morning session of play, allowing India to get out of trouble after the early fall of Test debutant Pranab Roy.

Roy misjudged a ball from fast bowler Graham Dilley. Expecting it to bounce, he offered no stroke. The ball, however, did not rise and came into the hands of wicketkeeper Bob Taylor after touching the 21-year-old opener's glove.

Soon after Roy's dismissal, Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar edged seamer Paul Allott to first slip but Chris Tavare failed to take the shoulder-high catch. Gavaskar was then on nine.

Allott, playing his first Test in the current series, was also unlucky not to get Vengsarkar's wicket before lunch. Graham Gooch fielding in the third slip position muffed a simple catch. The ball went flying to Gooch after touching Vengsarkar's bat.

Earlier, Gavaskar and Roy opened India's first innings after Fletcher won the toss for the fourth time in a row in the current six-Test series and decided to field in a surprise move. The two Indians began diffidently, collecting only 11 runs in the first hour of play. Pranab made his exit soon after as Gavaskar held on tenaciously.

Fletcher's surprise move fails

Shortly after the lunch break, Gavaskar snicked an outgoing ball from Willis. Taylor easily held the catch. The Indian star batted 135 minutes to score 25 runs.

Vengsarkar and Vishwanath batted confidently, severely punishing loose balls from

the four English pacers. Vengsarkar hit Ian Botham for four consecutive fours in one over. At tea, Vengsarkar was batting with 71 runs, while Vishwanath was on 34. Sharma joined Vishwanath after Vengsarkar was hit on the left side of the head in the final session of the day's play.

Vengsarkar, in his stay set the capacity crowd roaring on an otherwise sedate day. He singled out Ian Botham and hit him four times to the boundary consecutively taking 18 runs in one over. England skipper, Keith Fletcher, who sensed Vengsarkar's mood removed Botham from the attack. Willis was the most impressive of the English bowlers getting the ball rear off good length. Underwood was the other bowler who commanded some respect.

Vishwanath playing with caution combined with enterprise applied himself to the task of exhibiting strokes in his inimitable style. Vishwanath's 64 included eight fours. Vishwanath Wednesday crossed the 5500 mark in Tests. His partnership with Vengsarkar for the third-wicket had realized 99 runs when the latter had to leave injured.

Fletcher tried hard to get a quick Indian wicket by cleverly reshuffling his bowling. Willis bowled several intimidating bouncers to Sharma but the Indian stood his ground. The Madras wicket had an uneven bounce but gave little assistance to the bowlers.

England and India announced their teams just before the match began. The visitors preferred an extra bowler, Paul Allott, in place of controversial opener Geoff Boycott, who returned to London last weekend.

The Indians, on the other hand, decided to strengthen their batting and included middle order batsman Ashok Malhotra instead of off-spinner Gopal Sharma. The team has only four bowlers — medium pacers Kapil Dev and Madanlal and spinners Ravi Shastri and Dilip Doshi.



Dilip Vengsarkar... an aggressive display

Score-board	
India (First Innings):	
S. Gavaskar c Taylor b Willis	25
Pranab Roy c Taylor b Dilley	6
D. Vengsarkar retired hurt	71
G. Vishwanath batting	64
Yashpal Sharma batting	5
Extras	7
Total (for 2 wickets)	178
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-51	
Bowling: Willis 15-7-25-1; Botham 13-6-30-0; Dilley 12-2-38-1; Allott 16-3-50-0; Underwood 10-3-24-0	

In World Cup Downhill

Canadian beats back stiff French challenge

GRINDELWALD, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Canada's Gerry Sorensen held off a strong French challenge here Wednesday to record her first women's World Cup Downhill success since her victory at Haus in Austria last season.

The tall, athletic 23-year-old clocked a fast 2:00.54 over the long (3.2 kms) bumpy Grindelwald course to edge home ahead of French pair Marie-Cecile Gros-Gaudenier (2:00.86) and Elisabeth Chaud (2:01.29).

In the World Cup standings, it was a good Kupreichnik triumphs

HASTINGS, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The grand master title at the Hastings International Chess Congress went back to the Soviet Union Tuesday after a lapse of five years.

The 34-year-old Soviet grand master Viktor Kupreichnik drew with Briton Jonathan Mestel in 60 moves to win the prize of £1,200 and the Hastings title.

Playing black, Jonathan Speelman, the British grand master, who had lost only one game to the Russian Smyslov in round three, scored another good win, beating the Netherlands grand master Hans Ree, to share second prize with Smyslov, both finished with points each.

After winning his adjourned round 12 game without resuming, when Laslo Szabo of Hungary resigned after 41 moves, Smyslov of the Soviet Union, drew his final game against Briton Shaun Talbot in 24 moves.

There were other drawn games also. Szabo against Ulf Andersson, of Sweden in 16 moves; Murray Chandler (New Zealand) vs Manuel Rivas in 20 moves; Larry Christiansen (U.S.) vs Nigel Short (England) in 34 moves. However, British champion Paul Littlewood lost to Anatoly Lein of America following a time scramble in 39 moves.

day for Irene Epple of West Germany. She finished eighth to win the combined, taking in the Pfronten Giant Slalom, with World Cup leader Erika Hess of Switzerland 14th Wednesday and second in the combined.

Sorensen's all-action style was the key to her win. "After a hesitant start, I felt at ease on the hard, icy bends and on a course which was much faster than in training," she said. Gros-Gaudenier who exploded onto the World Cup scene with her win at Saalbach just before the break was far from despondent with her second place.

"Above all, I'm happy the French team has done so well. Now all the pressure in the downhill is not on my shoulders," she said. The French also placed the young Claudine

Emonet ninth and Marie-Luce Waldemeier 15th to once again underline their return in force to the top bracket of women's Alpine Skiing.

The most disappointed skier was Doris Do Agostini of Switzerland. Before her home fans, the favorite for the course could only finish in 11th place in 2:02.50. She had the third best intermediary time, but ran into all kinds of difficulties on the later stages, and nearly fell three times.

Meanwhile, Italian skier Piera Marchi won the Women's Special Slalom event during the Gruyeres Skiing week beating off stiff competition from some of the world's top skiers.

France's Anne-Flore Rey recorded the best time on the second section, lifting herself from 16th to ninth place overall.

BRIEFS

BIELEFELD, West Germany (R) — Arminia Bielefeld beat Bochum 2-0 in a West German First Division Soccer match Tuesday, the first Bundesliga game this year. The result made no difference to the top of the league table. Cologne leads with 24 points, Bayern Munich are second.

London, (AFP) — Englishman Leslie Powles was Tuesday named "Yachtsman of the year" at the London Boat Show at Earl's Court here. Powles, 56, has also been made a Freeman of his home city of Birmingham for his single-handed non-stop voyage around the world in his 34-foot sloop, *Solitaire*, which began on July 9, 1980, and ended on June 3, 1981.

ST ANDREWS, Scotland (AFP) — Veteran American Arnold Palmer is the first golfer to submit his entry for this year's British Open Golf Championship at Troon

on the West Coast of Scotland. Palmer last won the title at Troon in 1962, finishing six strokes ahead of Australian Kel Nagle.

AUCKLAND, (AP) — England and New Zealand lead the table after two rounds of the Women's World Cup Cricket Series being played here. In 60-over matches on Tuesday, England coasted to an easy four wicket victory over India, while New Zealand thrashed the International XI by 184 runs.

TAIPEI, (AFP) — Indonesia won the men's and women's singles, while England captured the doubles in the two divisions in the Masters Invitational Badminton Championships here. Indonesian Hadyanto beat compatriot Dhany Satrika 15-7, 15-5 in the men's singles. In the women's tag Hoa Lie Ivana, Indonesia, beat England's Sally Podge 12-10, 3-11, 12-10.

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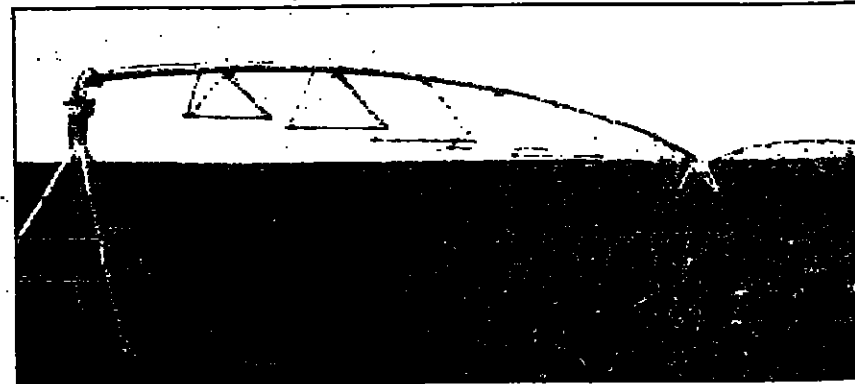
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As Isiah Thomas stands out

Pistons check Bulls' charge

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Detroit Pistons' rookie guard Isiah Thomas scored 26 points as the Pistons handed the Chicago Bulls a 122-111 National Basketball Association loss Tuesday night.

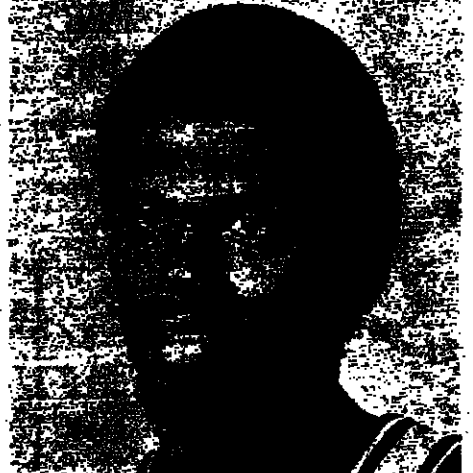
Thomas also had seven assists, seven steals and six rebounds. Detroit coach Scotty Robertson, however, singled out the rookie's heady play in the fourth quarter that kept Detroit in front. "To hold the lead after the Bulls came close, I told Thomas to play the clock, to let it wind down to five seconds and hopefully scored," Robertson said. "He stuck it to them twice from almost 25 feet (7.6 meters)."

The Milwaukee-Atlanta game was postponed when a snowstorm hit the Georgia capital.

Thomas was quick to point out that he wasn't Detroit's entire show. Guard John Long led the Pistons with 28 points. The Pistons ended a three-game losing streak and handed the Bulls their first loss in four games. Chicago's Reggie Theus led all scorers with 29 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was, Los Angeles 114, Cleveland 100; Philadelphia 95, Washington 92; Denver 139, Kansas City 126; Phoenix 133, Golden State 121; New York 129, Utah 121; Houston 107, San Diego 106; Portland 105, Indiana 93; San

Johnson added 25 to lead Los Angeles over Cleveland. It was only the second victory for the Lakers in their last five games, while Cleveland lost its seventh straight and 14th in its last 15 outings. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 20 for the Lakers and Kenny Carr led Cleveland with 19 points.



Reggie Theus ... toils in vain

Antonio 127, Dallas 109.
LAKERS 114, CAVALIERS 100: Jamaal Wilkes scored 33 points and Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 21 points — 15 in the third period.
76ERS 95, BULLETS 92: Caldwell Jones blocked five shots in the final period and

Julius Erving scored with 43 seconds left to wrap up Philadelphia's victory over Washington. Erving finished with 26 points, while Steve Mix had 17 and Bobby Jones 14 for the 76ers. High for Washington was Rick Mahorn, who finished with 19 points.

SPURS 127, MAVERICKS 109: Mike Mitchell and Gene Banks scored 23 points apiece as San Antonio breezed past Dallas for the seventh straight time over two seasons. Dallas rookie Rolando Blackman led all scorers with 25 points and rookie Elston Turner added 19 for the Mavericks.

NUGGETS 139, Kings 126: Alex English's 29 points and 28 by Dan Issel propelled Denver past Kansas City, dealing the Kings their seventh straight road loss. Issel scored during a 17-minute charge by the Nuggets in the third period. Till the Nuggets had broke open it had been a close game. Ernie Grunfeld led Kansas with 20 points, while Phil Ford added 19.

SUNS 133, WARRIORS 121: Guard Dennis Johnson scored 26 points and forward Len Robinson added 24 to power Phoenix over the Golden State. After Warrior forward Bernard King's basket cut the Suns' lead to 62-61, Phoenix scored the game's next 11 points for a 73-61 lead, an advantage the Suns stretched. Golden State's Purvis and King stood out.

KNICKS 129, TAZZ 121: Michael Ray Richardson scored 26 points and Mike Newlin had 25 to lead New York over Utah and break the Knicks' three-game losing streak. The Knicks scored the last eight points of the game after the Jazz had tied the score 121-121 with two minutes remaining. Utah's Adrian Dantley led all scorers with 44 points, which Darrell Griffith added 29.

ROCKETS 107, CLIPPERS 106: Robert Reid sank one of the two free throws with two seconds left to complete Houston's comeback victory over San Diego. The Rockets were led by Moses Malone, who scored 31 points and pulled down 20 rebounds, and Elvin Hayes, who had 17 points. Joe Bryant paced the Clippers with 27 points, while Michael Brooks and Williams added 18 each.

San Diego led 104-101 with 1:44 left in the game, when Hayes converted one free throw and Malone added two more to tie the game with 1:32 left. After two free throws by Williams and a duck by Malone had tied the game at 106, San Diego's Brook fumbled, giving Houston the ball with 23 seconds left. Reid then hit the winning free throw.

BLAZERS 105, PACERS 93: Mychal Thompson scored 22 points and helped shut off a late Indiana rally as Portland topped the pacers. The Blazers blew a 20-point lead early in the third quarter as the Pacers pulled into an 84-84 tie. Portland took the lead again and stayed in front until Thompson and Calvin Natt combined for 10 points in the last two minutes to put the game out of the Pacers' reach.

McEnroe named athlete of year

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Winner of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, John McEnroe capped off his rise to the top of the tennis world Tuesday by being named American male athlete of the year for 1981 by the Associated Press.

The 22-year-old left-hander from New York City received 72 votes in a nationwide balloting by sports writers, broadcasters. He easily outdistanced rookie baseball pitcher Fernando Valenzuela, boxer Sugar Ray Leonard and hockey star Wayne Gretzky. Valenzuela finished with 56 votes, while Leonard, the world welterweight champion, had 36 and Gretzky, the high-scoring center of the Edmonton Oilers, finished with 31.

Mixing tennis with temper tantrums, McEnroe ended Bjorn Borg's five-year reign at Wimbledon, whipping the Sweden in the final. He beat Borg again in the final of the U.S. Open, becoming the first man since 1925 to win America's top tennis tournament for three consecutive years.

McEnroe is the first player ever to be ranked No. 1 in the world in both singles and doubles on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer ratings.



John McEnroe ... bags 72 votes

Veteran King returns on pleasing note

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13 (AP)—Although she concedes she'll never be No. 1 in tennis again, Billie Jean King has returned to the women's tennis wars feeling healthier than she was in seven years.

King pronounced herself fit and happy after stopping South Africa's Rosalyn Fairbank, 17 years her junior, in two sets Tuesday night in first round play of the \$150,000 Avon Tennis Championships. "I feel better than I have since 1975," said the eighth-seeded King after her 6-3, 7-6 victory in which she was pushed into an 8-6 tiebreaker.

After a dismal showing last October in a round-robin tournament in Italy where she lost three of four matches, King and husband Larry headed for Hawaii. "I decided to get healthy again," said King. She trimmed off 20 pounds (9 kgs), worked herself into shape and announced to the Women's Tennis Association she was ready for limited play. "I wanted to go to a territory where I liked them and they liked me," she said she would play in Cincinnati and Chicago.

"The hardest problem I had was in getting used to the situation of playing again," said the 38-year-old veteran. "I won't be No. 1 again but I'll have good matches. I haven't met the person in individual sport who, at 38 years old, is willing to pay the price to be No. 1 again."

King noted the difference between men's and women's tournaments. "If we had a tournament for women 35 and older, I'd be there every week. But there isn't a tournament for women legends of tennis like there is for men. Maybe when Chris (Evert-Lloyd) passes 35 we'll start one," she said in a half-serious tone. "My body will let me know when it's over."

In other first round matches Tuesday, top-seeded Tracy Austin beat Julie Harrington 6-0, 6-1; second-seed Sylvia Hanika, Germany, defeated Pam Teengarden, 6-3, 6-1; fifth seed Barbara Potter took Duk Hee Lee 6-0, 6-4; Pam Casale defeated Kate Latham, 6-0, 6-4; Joanne Russell beat Yvonne Vermaak, South Africa, 7-5, 6-2.

In doubles, Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs beat Lea Antonopolis and Vermaak, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; Potter and Sharon Walsh beat Leslie Allen and Russell, 6-4, 6-3; and Mary Lou Piatek and Wendy White beat Beth Herr and Lee, 6-2, 6-2.

Russian sparkles

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (R)—Margarita Butkene of the Soviet Union equaled West German Karin Hanel's world best indoor mark for the women's long jump at the Kaunas Cup Athletics Meeting Monday.

The 32-year-old's leap of 6.77 meters broke by four centimeters Tatiana Shchelkanova's Soviet record, which had stood for 17 years.

Perkins extends Van Patten

PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 13 (AP)—Vince Van Patten maintained his favorite's role in the \$50,000 Louisiana-Pacific Tennis Tournament Tuesday night by beating Mioc Perkins of Seattle. But Van Patten, of Malibu, California had to come back with 6-2, 6-3 victories after losing the opening set, 4-6.

Ilie Nastase also won his second match of the tournament, beating Brian Joelson of Aloha, Oregon, 6-3, 7-5. The finals will be Friday night, with the winner getting \$10,000.

In other matches, Bruce Manson of Dallas, Texas, the 1980 champion of the tournament, defeated Mike Leach of the University

Reardon, Higgins bow out in semis

OLDHAM, Lancashire, Jan. 13 (AFP)—England's world champion Steve Davis will meet Welshman Terry Griffiths in the final of the 150,000 pound Lada Cars Snooker Classic here. Davis, however, had to dig out a century break to beat his compatriot, Ray Reardon of Stoke in the semifinal.

Everything hinged on the last frame. Six-times world champion Reardon twice pulled a couple of frames back to level the score, first from 0-2 and then from 2-4.

Davis, looking tired after his recent world trip that finished with a journey from Las Vegas to London on Sunday still found the steel to make the last frame a winner.

After missing many easy chances, he sent

of Michigan, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. Sammy Giammalva of Houston defeated Tom Gullikson of the University of Wisconsin, 6-2, 7-6.

Pat Dupre of La Jolla, California, stopped Jeff Turpin of Southern Methodist University, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6; and Victor Amaya defeated Al Stultz of Seattle, 6-3, 7-5.

David Pate of Texas Christian defeated Billy Scanlon of Dallas, 6-4, 6-4. Rookie Pro Jimmy Brown of Nashville, Tennessee, defeated John Lloyd, 6-3, 6-3, as Lloyd's wife, women's pro Chris Evert-Lloyd, watched.

In Wednesday's action, Giammalva faces Dupre. Nastase plays Manson, Scanlon plays Amaya, and Van Patten plays Lloyd. The semifinals will be on Thursday.

Reardon, Higgins bow out in semis

down the best break of the day with flawless precision, recording a 105. It gave him a 5-4 victory and the chance of another 5,000-pound top prize.

Earlier, Griffiths had an easy passage into the final beating Alex Higgins by five frames to one.

Higgins, who went to hospital recently suffering from exhaustion said: "I'm not recovered from my illness. It will take me a couple of months to reach a peak."

Griffiths, who spent the morning practising on the table, opened with a 87-33 win and followed that by sinking twelve reds in a break of 87 in the second frame. Higgins won the third game thanks to a break, but never shone again.

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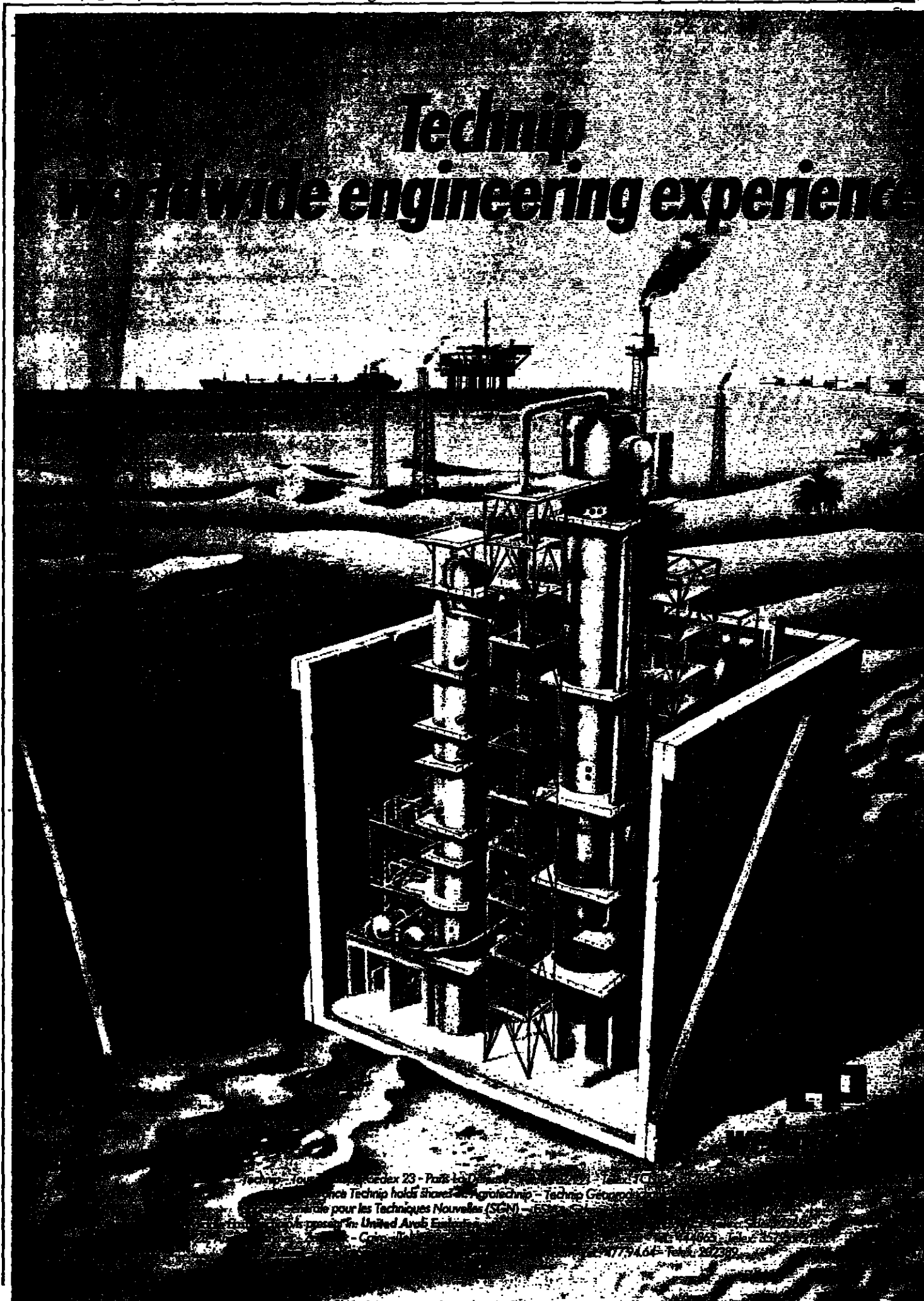
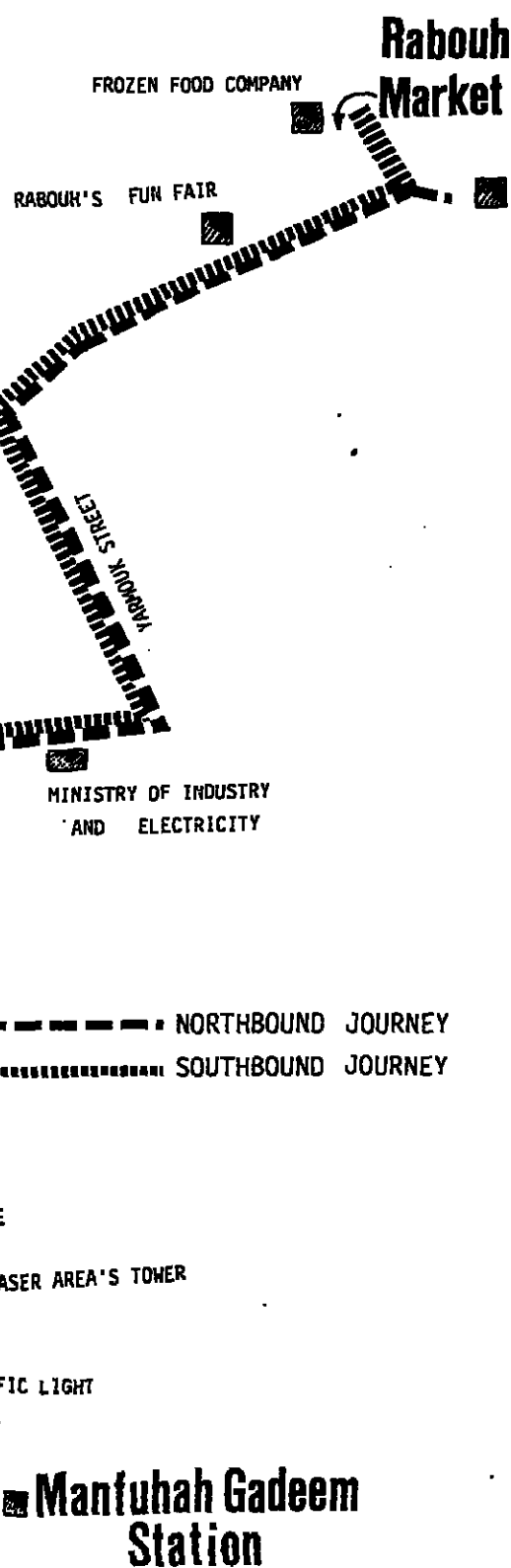
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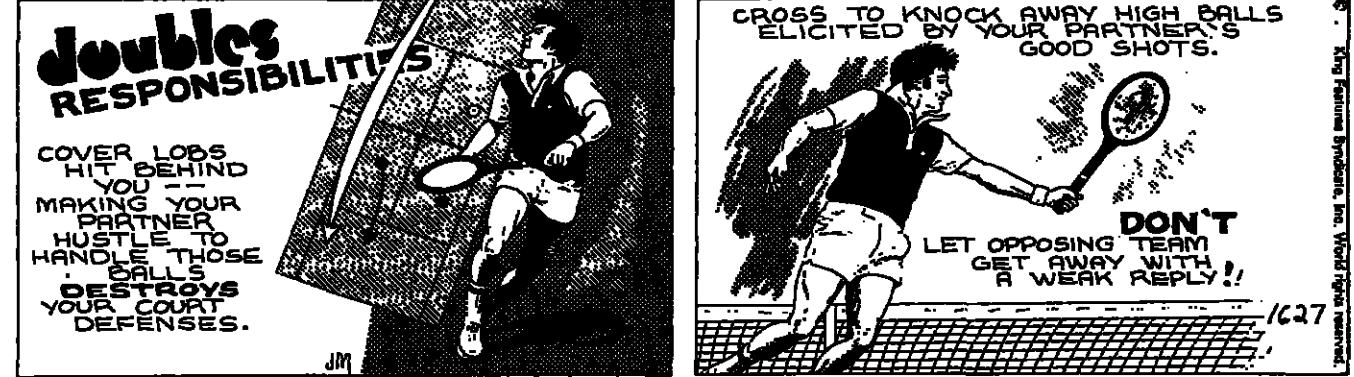
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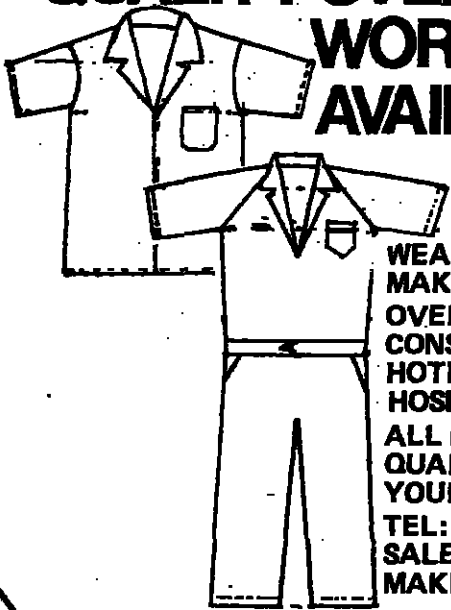
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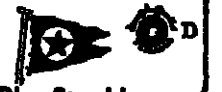
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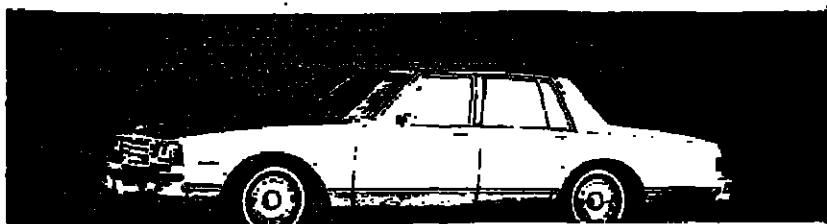
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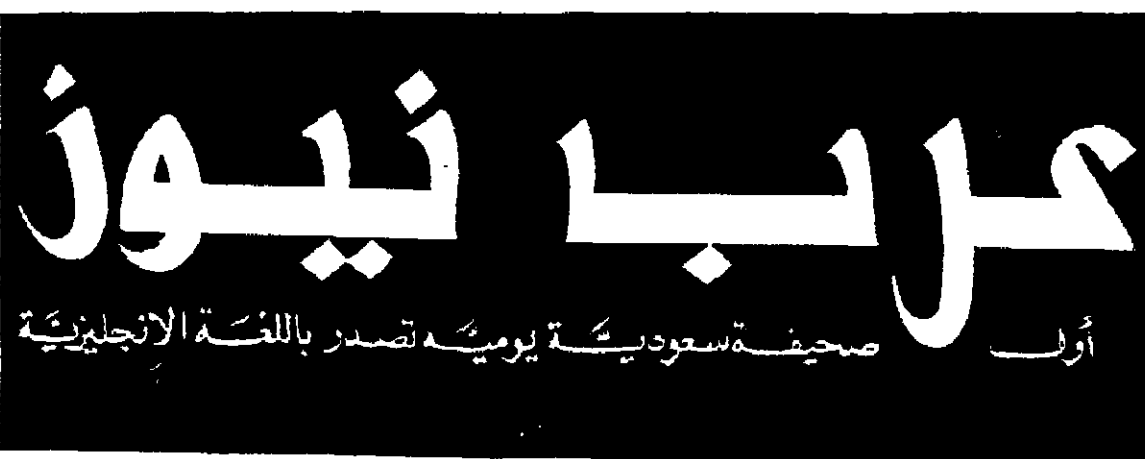
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At summit talks

Bonn, Paris seeking joint stand on Poland

PARIS, Jan. 13. (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and French President Francois Mitterrand were expected to seek out a concerted position on the Polish crisis and attempt to bridge differences over foreign policy at a meeting here Wednesday.

Schmidt was to attend a working dinner with President Mitterrand before returning home Wednesday night. Serious differences emerged between Paris and Bonn over Poland following the imposition of martial law in Poland last month, and Schmidt recently expressed concern over the impact such differences might have on Franco-German cooperation.

Schmidt, who will be meeting Mitterrand for the seventh time since the French Socialist won the general elections in May, is expected to try to clear the air of misgivings stemming from the impression that German economic ties with the East outweigh European solidarity in the face of the Polish crisis.

Schmidt arrived in Paris Wednesday. On the eve of his departure for Paris, Schmidt gave an interview to the West German magazine *Stern* in which he adopted a stronger attitude toward the Soviet Union by saying that "Western democracies cannot morally accept the sharing out of the world into spheres of influence."

This position is similar to that expressed by Mitterrand who recently said that "everything which allows a way out of Yalta is good."

In 1945, leaders of Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States met in the Crimean town of Yalta to share out spheres of influence in Europe after the collapse of Germany.

Speaking before a group of Social-Democratic parliamentarians Tuesday Schmidt also warned that continuing repression in Poland would jeopardize East-West cooperation. The chancellor's new attitude will doubtless help him in France where he has been under attack both in the press and in political circles for what was seen as a soft stand on Poland.

Also taking part in the meeting will be French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, and presidential aide Pierre Berégovoy with German Foreign Secretary of State Berndt von Staden, Secretary of State Manfred Lahnstein and the chancellor's diplomatic advisor Otto von Der Gienitz.

French commentators have charged West Germany with taking a soft stand on Poland to preserve relations and trade with the Soviet Union while German commentators have said the leaders were speaking out loudly, but taking no real action.

The sources said Schmidt felt strong Franco-West German agreement was essential in a crisis which called for a united Western stand. They said the leaders were certain to discuss possible measures which could be taken if the crackdown, which started on Dec. 13 against supporters of the Solidarity trade union movement, continued.

Rakowski's son seeks new home

BONN, Jan. 13 (R) — The son of Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski has applied to emigrate to Australia and could receive permission to settle there within the next two months, the Australian Embassy said Wednesday.

Artur Rakowski, 25, has been in hiding to escape publicity since it was learned early in January that he and his family had come to West Germany from Poland to seek a new life in the West.

An embassy spokesman said Australian immigration officials saw Rakowski, his wife Anna, 22, and their two-year-old son Adam in Cologne on Jan. 6 to discuss the family's plan to move to Australia.

Rakowski applied to emigrate in October soon after arriving in the West, and he would probably learn the outcome by late February or early March, the spokesman said. Medical checks and other immigration formalities would have to be completed before he saw Australian officials again, the spokesman added.

Rakowski, who gave his job as a forklift truck driver, apparently felt one reason for choosing Australia as the family's new home was that it was as far away as possible from the crisis centers of Europe, the spokesman said. He was quoted by the British *Sunday Times* newspaper 10 days ago as saying he felt unsafe in West Germany because "if the Russians were to make a move, this would be the first place to go."

The embassy spokesman said the family gave their West German residence as Wiesbaden, near Frankfurt, where they had stayed in a small hotel until discovered by the press. Rakowski's father visited Bonn last month in an effort to seek West German understanding for the Polish military crackdown, but his son said later they had not been in touch.



Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau

Trudeau reshuffles ministries

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (R) — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has reshuffled key government ministries in a bid to make Canadian foreign policy more aggressive and trade-oriented. He switched responsibility for foreign trade, worth \$180 billion a year, to a revamped and expanded external affairs department.

Pierre de Bane, formerly minister of regional economic expansion, was made part of a new triumvirate running Canada's foreign relations, headed by the secretary of state for external affairs, Mark MacGuigan.

Trudeau said De Bane would soon tour north African countries and prepare a policy study on Canada's relations with French-speaking African countries, an area in which he has already specialized. The minister of state for international trade, Ed Lumley, also moved to external affairs, becoming the department's third minister.

Trudeau said the revamped department and Canadian embassies abroad would spearhead an aggressive drive to sell more Canadian products overseas as one of their main priorities.

'Big Brother' strikes again

Phone tapping irks Poles

WARSAW, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Big Brother has a voice here and it is usually a feminine one tirelessly repeating "Raczynski kontrolowan, Raczynski kontrolowan" (censored conversation) every time a number is dialed which is being tapped by the government.

Since the declaration of martial law here one month ago, George Orwell's all-seeing and all-hearing Big Brother in his novel 1984 has been intruding more and more into the private lives of Polish citizens. But it was not until last Sunday, when telephone communication was resumed, that they actually heard "his voice."

Before Sunday, Poland's censors only read

personal mail, stamping letters with the censorship office mark before passing them on. Now they intrude into telephone conversations — as one Warsaw resident learned when he was told to "hurry up and finish, you're going to be cut off" while making a call.

The Polish people's natural curiosity and irreverence were quickly stimulated by the tapping. The latest game here is testing the censor's reactions, which have proven far from consistent.

One woman found that all her conversations were rudely cut off after three minutes while another caller found he could say the words "Solidarity," "Walesa" and "strike" without provoking any reaction from the censors. Yet another man was cut off every time his caller mentioned "detained persons."

Some people were flattered by the phone tapping as it was viewed as a sign of being an "important person" while others were openly disappointed when they found they were not being tapped. Telephone tapping was a fact of life here before martial law was declared and the Polish people long ago became used to keeping private thoughts to themselves when talking on the telephone.

A bulletin from the minister of the interior reminds Poles that "whoever uses communications systems for illegal purposes can be prosecuted in accordance with the penal code."

Nevertheless, after almost four weeks of withdrawal symptoms from the telephone's practicality, the Polish people are taking the situation rather philosophically. Confidential "calls" are being made on the old "mouth to mouth" system, which has flowered again since the declaration of martial law.

Russia said pessimistic on nuclear arms control

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Soviet defense specialists believe the Kremlin will have to expand its SS-20 missile force and set it for an almost instant attack-on-warning response if the United States deploys medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, says an American arms control advocate.

Randall Forsberg, who met with Soviet arms control specialists last month in the Soviet Union, is director of the Institute for Defense and Armament Studies in Boston, a private organization not connected with the government. Miss Forsberg said the Soviets she talked with view the nuclear arms control process with deep pessimism bordering on "quiet despair."

She spoke with reporters Tuesday at a meeting arranged by the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker political action group. The meeting coincided with the resumption in Geneva of U.S.-Soviet talks aimed at reducing medium-range missiles in Europe. Miss Forsberg said the Soviet experts professed to believe that prospects for an arms control agreement with the United States are "very bleak."

These Soviet defense specialists view the ground-hugging Cruise missiles and the Pershing II, with its short delivery time, as so threatening that their deployment would cause the Soviets to set their SS-20 medium-range missile force for a hair-trigger response to an attack, she said.

Further, she said, the Soviets view the eventual deployment of the new U.S. nuclear-armed missiles as almost inevitable unless it can be stopped by the peace movement in western European nations. Miss Forsberg was in the Soviet Union from Dec. 6 through Dec. 18 and said she spoke to about 40 persons in five Soviet research institutes.

She said the Soviet specialists told her they believe it doesn't matter what the Soviet Union does or what concessions it makes because President Ronald Reagan's administration is determined to pursue a large-scale military buildup. Nonetheless, she said she was told the Soviet Union plans to abide for the present by most of the terms of the unratified Salt II treaty in the hope of bringing pressure to bear against the United States.

For singer's father

Ransom reports upset police

MADRID, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Press reports that the ransom money of \$2 million was about to be handed over for kidnapped Dr. Julio Iglesias, father of the Spanish singer of the same name, Wednesday sparked off police criticisms that they could have endangered his life.

"The kidnappers, knowing that the press and police are expecting the ransom to be paid shortly, will take additional precautions," a police source commented. The kidnappers, identified as south Americans, have contacted the family three times through lawyer Fernando Bernaldez and in the course of negotiations have dropped their original ransom demand for \$10 million to \$2 million.

Members of the family have repeatedly denied reports they were preparing to hand over the ransom. Several Madrid morning newspapers Wednesday criticized the evening paper *Pueblo* for being the first Tuesday to report the probable hand-over of the ransom, and in doing so breaking a pact accepted by the press, police and family.

The pact stipulated that newspapers would not publish any information likely to endanger Dr. Iglesias' life. Reliable sources said that the kidnappers telephoned Dr. Bernaldez two days after they seized Dr. Iglesias and demanded \$10 million. Then they wrote to him asking for \$2 million, half in dollars and half in pesetas.

Italian kidnappers claim new victim

BERGAMO, Italy, Jan. 13 (AP) — Three masked gunmen grabbed a 30-year-old businessman — the first kidnapping of the new year in Italy, police sources reported Wednesday.

However, Judge Gianfranco Mafferrri immediately froze Roberto Valota's bank account to block payment of a ransom, a method often used in an attempt to discourage kidnappings. In many cases, however, families have secretly sold off property to meet the demands of bandits holding their relatives.

Volta, a father of three children who owns a scrap metal business, was abducted in Trescom Tuesday evening. Valota's wife and three employees witnessed the abduction.

A caller confirmed it was a kidnapping for ransom and made threats early Wednesday, sources said.

The industrialist was the first victim of Italy's kidnapping rings this year. A 15-year-old boy had been reported abducted in Sicily last week, but police said he staged his own disappearance in an attempt to extract a ransom to pay for poker debts. Thirty-nine persons were abducted in 1981, 11 of whom are still held.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

The editor of a little Arabic language daily insisted that his newspaper was better than ours. "Asharq" he sneered. "You call that a paper. It's a stage in journalism we have passed a donkey's years ago..."

The gathering was a social one, so I couldn't really answer in kind. I couldn't mention that, with the best will in the world, you need more than three persons to produce a daily, that your news gathering capacity will be restricted if you have no offices abroad.

"I don't know," I said, "all I can say is that you seem to depend unduly on news agencies' reports. Otherwise, it's not too bad..."

"Ah," he said sarcastically. "Those damn offices you have everywhere. You think they make all the difference." I told him it's not the offices themselves so much as the caliber of the people working in them. That most certainly makes a difference.

We parted and he phoned me the next day. "You have a copy of my paper? Then turn to page six." I did and there I found a list of offices as long as my arm. "Do you see it? The offices list? Now go and tell people we have no offices!"

I told him that it was a feat of organization unknown to mankind up to now. To have opened up an office overnight in every place we had an office — and then some more — must have cost him the earth — to say nothing of the work involved.

"I particularly look forward to reading stories from your offices in Lima and Helsinki. That's where the action is at for Arab readers...Keep up the good work," I told him.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awast

Gandhi aide steps down

BOMBAY, Jan. 13 (R) — Abdul Rahman Antulay, a leading supporter of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, stepped down as chief minister of Maharashtra State after a Bombay high court ruled that he had allotted cement to builders in return for donations to two trusts he started.

Mrs. Gandhi's government came under fire in and out of parliament from the opposition, which alleged Antulay had collected nearly 20 million rupees (\$2.5 million) from industrialists by showing them special favors.

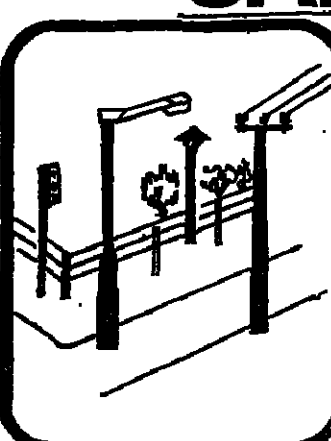
One of the trusts was alleged to have been set up by Antulay using Mrs. Gandhi's name. Opposition leaders said the court judgment Tuesday vindicated their charges of corruption in high places in the government and Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

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